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INTRODUCTION.

The truce and the provisional treaty concluded by Saunders with Godeheu towards the close of 1754 put a stop to the active hostilities between the English and the French in the Carnatic. To George Pigot, who succeeded Saunders early in 1755, it appeared as if the French would co-operate with the English in maintaining the *status quo* until at least the orders on the provisional treaty could arrive from Europe. Commissaries were appointed on both sides to investigate the alleged violation of the truce in Karunguli and other contested districts. De Saussay, the French Commandant at Srirangam, apprised Major Kilpatrick of a daring scheme of night attack hatched by the Dalavai to take Trichinopoly by surprise. He even offered assistance to attack the enemy from the rear when the Major was to attack him from the front. But circumstances soon proved too adverse to indulge in anticipations of peace. The utter poverty of the Nawab and his growing debts to the Company compelled Pigot and his Council to assist him in re-establishing his authority in the Madura and Tinnevelly countries. The fact that the poligars of these countries had all along, even before the truce, recognized the Nawab as their overlord, and never during the late war sided with the enemy banished all fears of trespassing on the terms of the truce. Major Heron sent at the head of an expedition reduced Madura, appointed Mahfuz Khan, the Nawab's brother, as the Governor of the conquered country and after some fighting, succeeded in reducing Tinnevelly also. But though a novice in country politics, Heron trusted to his own greed and abilities where he ought to have trusted to the instructions of his superiors, and committed blunders after blunders until he was peremptorily recalled by the Presidency. His promises and advances to the Maravar roused the suspicions and jealousies of the Tondiman and the King of Tanjore. The two faithful allies of the English could only be, with great difficulty, restrained from attacking the Maravar, their common enemy, and thereby violating the truce and placing the Presidency in the invidious position of opposing them with the assistance of the French. His unauthorized pecuniary transactions with the poligars and with Mahfuz Khan robbed the Company and the Nawab of a large portion of the revenues of the conquered countries. His recall, dismissal and flight constitute a sad episode in the history of 1755. But it was by no means the only sad event of the year. The arrival of the new French Governor, De Leyrit, ushered in a fresh crop of troubles. Under his regime the French pressed their claims for Torriore, Arealore and Warriorapollem, protracted the negotiations over the contested districts and more than once created a critical situation. At the same time the King of Tanjore, heeding little to the entreaties and remonstrances of the Presidency, ordered Manoji to march against the Tondiman to recover certain districts, which Manoji had, some years ago, given him without the King's knowledge and consent. The most delicate but firm diplomacy was required on the part of Captain Caillaud, to compose this quarrel.

And yet the year closed not without bringing some substantial advantages to the English. Bussy was, it was true, still exercising supreme authority in the Deccan; but his approach with Salabat Jang towards Mysore forced the Dalavai to quit Srirangam, to move with all his troops to his own country, and thus removed a constant danger to Trichinopoly. Heron's expedition, indeed, did not immediately lead to the subjugation of Madura and Tinnevelly. The rebellious poligars who had fled on his approach returned on his departure and assisted by the forces of Travancore harassed Muhfuz Khan. But the countries, though not completely subdued, were annexed again to the Nawab's dominions. In fact the Nawab was steadily being re-established in his dominions by the Company's forces. In July he was escorted by the Company's troops to Arcot, his ancient capital, where he made a grand entry on 21st August. From there he visited Madras, mortgaged certain districts

to the Company as part payment of his debts and promised to pay half of all collections of his tribute, if only he were assisted in reducing the recalcitrant poligars of the Arcot country. The Presidency acquiesced in his proposals and sent Mr. Percival and Major Kilpatrick with a considerable army to accompany him on this expedition[1].

The Public Consultations of the year mention only such of these military and political events as came occasionally for discussion before the full Board. These were few, but none the less important, so that we find here much useful information which supplements the Military Consultations. Thus the blunders committed by Colonel Heron are not described here, but the deliberations of the full Board on the result of the investigations conducted by the Secret Committee are here narrated in full. On the 29th September, we are told, the current business of the day being over, the President briefly informed the Board of the origin, development and mismanagement of Heron's expedition and drew their attention to the several charges framed against him by the Secret Committee and his replies. The Board, having " maturely weighed " the case, unanimously came to the conclusion that he had been guilty of " perverting the intentions of his Commission " on the following counts: on his not having settled accounts with the poligars jointly with the Commissary, Mr. Maunsell, and Mahfuz Khan in the manner directed by the Secret Committee, on his not having immediately returned with the army on receipt of the Committee's orders, on his having applied for his own use and that of other persons all the tributes collected from the poligars instead of bringing them into the public account, on his having farmed out the conquered countries to Mahfuz Khan instead of collecting the tributes due in conjunction with him and Mr. Maunsell, and on his having incurred a greater expenditure than the collections could reimburse. On these charges he was suspended from his seat at the Board " until the Honourable Company's pleasure be known[2]." He, however, ignored this order on the ground that it should have been communicated to him not by the Secretary but by the Board[3]. Meanwhile a Court Martial on his conduct had been ordered by the Secret Committee and appointed by Colonel Adlercron[4] and its sitting at Madras being shortly expected, Pigot and his Council resolved to place before it four brief articles of charges that he had been guilty, first of perverting the intention of his commission, secondly of authorizing and collecting for his own use a bazaar duty on the necessaries of life brought into the garrison at Madura, thirdly of committing breach of orders and fourthly of behaving in a manner unbecoming an officer. The Secretary was deputed to attend the Court Martial on behalf of the Board and to " deliver in the Charge, produce Proofs, call and examine the witnesses . . and to do all such Things as shall be needfull for supporting the Articles proposed[5]." The reader may refer to the Military Consultations for the full details of these charges[6]. As the first three charges have been already indicated above, only the fourth requires some elucidation. On Heron's return march from Madura considerable loss was occasioned to the army by an unexpected attack made by the Kallars in the Nattam woods. The reason for this attack was that he had confiscated a large number of " religious images " of the Coilgudy Pagoda which the Kallars wanted to recover. This act was rightly regarded as " unworthy of an English Officer " as also the detention of certain Brahmin women in the camp and the keeping of a guard for several days on a Muhamadan's house in Tinnevelly[7]. The Court Martial, however, acquitted him of the second and fourth charges, but found him guilty of the first and third and dismissed him[8]. Then occurred an ignominious episode

[1] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1755, Military Dept.
Orme, R.—History of Indostan, 4th Edition. Vol. I, pages 379–405.
Cambridge, R.O.—War in India, 1750–1760, pages 77–100.
Dodwell, H.—Calendar of the Madras Despatches, 1744–55, pages 253–255; 1754–65, pages 37–40.
Ananda Ranga Pillai's Diary, Vol. IX, pages 133 419.

[2] See pages 262, 263.

[3] See pages 274, 275, 278.

[4] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1755, Military Department, pages 170, 171, 178, 179.

[5] See pages 280, 281.

[6] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1755, Military Department, pages 127, 144, 145, 149–151, 153–163, 170.

[7] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1755, Military Department, pages 156, 159.

[8] See page 324.

which was, however, not without some theatrical glamour. On the 4th December, Colonel Adlercron's approval of the sentence of the Court Martial having arrived, the Board resolved to consider it on the following day. But before the 5th dawned, at 5 a.m., we are informed, Heron with a handful of his attendants fled on a palankeen towards Sadras. At 9 a.m. the President was apprised of this flight. Pigot imagined that Heron's intention was to take refuge in Pondicherry. This was greatly detrimental to the Company, since Heron, having been a member of the Board, could supply the French with confidential information. Nor could he be reclaimed as a deserter, having been dismissed the service. Pigot, therefore, immediately despatched a party of sepoys and some troopers in pursuit of the fugitive. But at noon the next day the troopers returned to report their failure. After a full gallop one of them had come upon Heron. But " as soon as the Colonel was infomed by his servants of the Trooper's approach, he leapt out of his Palankeen, and stood on his Guard, being armed with a Sword, a Carbine and a Case of Pistols ". When the trooper told him that the Governor had ordered him to return " he refused to comply and bid him depart or he would instantly shoot him ". On this the trooper thought best to return without attempting violence[1]. Such was the sad end of a career steeped in arrogance and selfishness, but none the less adorned with gallantry. For, Heron during his expedition did not fail to show that he was endowed with personal courage and bravery of the highest quality on the battle field.

Pigot and his Council were equally embarrassed by the independent and, in general, unreasonable attitude shown by Colonel Adlercron. The Public Consultations give us only a glimpse of this strained relationship between the Civil and Military authorities. In order to get a full view of it we may refer here to the Military Consultations as well. In the previous volume we have seen that it was not without much difficulty that Saunders had extorted a promise from the Colonel that he would do every thing to promote the Company's interests and would not interfere in the " command of their garrisons ". " But the Colonel, it will be seen, did not scruple to break the promise the moment the restraining influence of Saunders was removed from the Government. Pigot, however, gave him little scope to exercise supreme authority over the Company's army or to meddle in country politics. He reminded him of the compact he had made with Saunders in those matters, and humoured him in other matters of lesser consequence. He acceded to his demands where prudence dictated such a course necessary but always impressed on him the cardinal fact that the Company's Civil authorities would never submit to the dictation of the Military authorities, even though such Military authorities might have been appointed by the Crown.

The Government were not chary in providing all the necessary comforts to the King's troops. They lodged them in the Garden House and other houses hired for the purpose in Manjakkuppam, a place situated between Fort St. David and Cuddalore[2]. They granted them a fixed allowance with retrospective effect from 1st September last in addition to the advance for oil, water, etc., which Adlercron demanded[4]. They granted Adlercron and Admiral Watson a daily allowance of 5 pagodas from the date of their arrival[5]. But they insisted that for all stores supplied a regular account should be maintained by the Deputy Governor and Council of Fort St. David. They believed that Adlercron had come with sufficient cash to defray all these expenses. But when Richard Starke, the Deputy Governor, asked for the payment of the stores supplied, Adlercron refused to comply saying that the accounts might be transmitted to England for settlement. They then directed Starke to draw up a consolidated account of all the stores supplied and to present it to the Colonel for his signature and to follow the same procedure monthly so that the authenticated accounts might be sent to England[6]. But, even to this procedure, which was substantially the same as that suggested by him, Adlercron

[1] See pages 324. 325.
[2] See Introduction to Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, pages vi-viii.
[3] See page 6.
[4] See pages 6, 20.
[5] See page 34.
[6] See pages 20, 21, 50.

partially demurred. He refused to certify the stores supplied him till March but promised to adopt the procedure for the future[1]. Such difficulties over details could have been raised only by a person who did not seem to evince any desire to co-operate with the Company's Government.

Instances soon occurred to test the measure of his suspicion, hostility, pride and rancour. In May, Starke as usual approved the sentence of a Court Martial held on some of the Bombay detachment stationed at Cuddalore. Adlercron fulminated against this procedure. Pigot calmly informed him that Cuddalore being a Company's settlement subordinate to Fort St. David, it was only right that the Deputy Governor should have the sole voice in the matter. The Colonel was quartered with his whole regiment at the Garden House; and therefore, he " cannot be said to be personally present in the Garrisons either of Fort St. David or Cuddalore ". He reminded him of his promise to Saunders, but it was of no avail. Adlercron held that Cuddalore was within his jurisdiction and declared that he would refer the matter to the decision of his superiors in England. And, in order to humiliate Pigot, he refused to grant him the power of approving the sentence of a Court Martial which was then to be held at Madras and conveyed the same to Major Kilpatrick. Instead of resenting this treatment, it is refreshing to notice that Pigot thanked him for what he had done and agreed to apply to him for every general Court Martial which might, in future, be held at Madras[2]. To show his goodwill and amicable disposition he immediately adopted this procedure in the case of some Swiss deserters[3].

But goodwill had no soothing effect on the irate Colonel. He professed that he was always for maintaining harmony but insinuated that the " Managers of the Company's Affairs have not taken so much care on their part ", and, as an instance of his being neglected, mentioned of his not having been supplied with a copy of the provisional treaty. The treaty did not in the least refer to any military matters but as the truce did contain some military clauses it was transmitted to him for his information[4].

No sooner had these clouds passed the horizon than another of a yet darker hue made its appearance. On the 14th July, the Deputy Governor and Council of Fort St. David wrote to Pigot that the commanders of the garrisons of both Cuddalore and Fort St. David had been put under arrest by Adlercron and threatened with a Court Martial. The offence alleged was that they had desired to receive directions from the Deputy Governor before proclaiming an order of the Colonel to the effect that " no Officer in future should sleep out of the Bounds of Fort St. David without leave from him ". Adlercron had put Captains Forbes and Campbell under arrest without even consulting Starke and this high-handed act menaced the privileges and interests of the Company. And yet Pigot and his Council did not wish to rake up the controversy and cause unpleasantness by any lengthy correspondence. To settle all disputes and to consult him on some political matters they invited him to come to Madras[5].

The Colonel however never came, nor did he, it was fortunate, keep the officers for long under arrest. He gave vent to his anger by threatening to retract the promise made to Saunders. The Government explained to him the extreme unwisdom of this course. They considered that it could hardly be reconciled with His Majesty's instructions to him " which expressly say that the Troops are sent abroad for the Service and Benefit of the East India Company, and in support of their just Rights and Priviledges[6] ."

This was not all. On the 30th July, Adlercron wrote direct to Colonel Lawrence asking him whether he desired to attend a Council of War which he would shortly summon at Fort St. David. Lawrence placed the communication before the President and Committee. The Committee decided that Lawrence's presence was absolutely necessary at the Council Board and directed Pigot to

[1] See pages 58, 59.
[2] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1755, Military Department, pages 106, 107.
[3] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1755, Military Department, pages 106, 107, 111.
[4] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1755, Military Department, page 111.
[5] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1755, Military Department, pages 114, 115.
[6] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1755, Military Department, page 123.

inform Adlercron that as Lawrence was one of the General Council, he should have addressed him through the Council and his addressing direct to Lawrence without even acquainting the President that he had done so " is failing somewhat in that Respect which he insists so much on himself[1]."

In August when on his way to Arcot the Nawab arrived at Fort St. David escorted by Captain Polier's party, Adlercron, without consulting Starke, ordered a Captain's guard with 100 men to wait on the Nawab. Polier was taken by surprise. He thought that he had been superseded, and this, indeed, would have been the case, had he not immediately consulted Starke and the Nawab and nipped the plan in the bud. The Nawab politely declined to accept the Colonel's guard, assuring him that the force sent by the Government was quite adequate for his protection. Thus was avoided much needless expense, division of command and the " Disputes hurtful to the Service[2]."

Meanwhile the Council of War which Adlercron had summoned, seemed to have been fruitful only in inflaming his passions. For, in communicating its opinion to Pigot, we learn that he cast " many Reflexions which are neither Polite nor well grounded ". He reproached the Government for having preferred " the private Interest of the Company's Troops and Servants to Justice and every other Consideration." He reproached them for having been " of Opinion that the King of Great Britain has no authority in or over the Company's Settlements." Caustic as were these remarks, Pigot and his Council did not wish to fan the flame afresh. They simply ordered that a general memorial be drawn out of all their transactions with him from his arrival in India and that it be transmitted to him with a reply to his letter answered paragraph by paragraph from the facts taken from the memorial. They felt that such a plain recapitulation of the facts would be sufficient evidence in their behalf[3]. But we learn that to avoid friction even the memorial and reply were subsequently ordered not to be transmitted to him[4].

This genuine desire to heal the wounds was, it would seem, altogether inexplicable to Aldercron. He accused the Government of neglect and disrespect and towards the end of the year when he was informed to be ready to intercept any French forces which might be despatched by De Leyrit from Pondicherry to prevent the Nawab from demanding the tributes due from his poligars[5]. he doubted " whether We have not first broke the Treaty by sending an Army with the Nabob on such a Service ". He likewise complained of his not having been furnished with a copy of the Provisional Treaty and talked of the " most unprecedented usage " throughout meted out to him. This was too much for Pigot and his Council. " He cannot address us on publick Business without a large Mixture of Expressions tending only to inflame Divisions." They were thoroughly convinced that by the instructions of the Crown " he is only to execute the Plans sent him by us as far as the Council of War find them practicable without enquiring into our Reasons." Still, however, to set his doubts at rest, they sent him a copy of the Provisional Treaty and explained to him the justness of the Nawab's right over the poligars and the weakness of De Leyrit's pretensions[6].

This was one of the last occasions on which Adlercron addressed the Government during the year. But the Parthian shot came not from him but from his assistant, Lieutenant Colonel Bagshaw. This man appears to have shared fully the views of his superior. It was he who had been authorized by the Colonel to enter into an agreement with Saunders which was subsequently disavowed by the Colonel[7]. He now put in an indignant representation against the appointment of Major Kilpatrick to lead the expedition against the Arcot poligars. He claimed to be the oldest officer on the Coast, next to the Commander-in-Chief of the King's forces. He asserted his " undoubted right " to

[1] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1755, Military Department, pages 125, 128.
[2] See Do. do. page 129.
[3] See Do. do. page 136.
[4] See Do. do. page 196.
[5] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1755, Military Department, pages 182–184.
[6] See Do. do. page 196.
[7] See Introduction to Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, pages vii, viii.

command any body of troops where his superior did not act himself. And he represented that until he was convicted of want of courage, capacity and conduct, his claims could not be set aside without the "greatest Partiality and Injustice." To make matters worse, he proceeded in a tone which he must have known could hardly have furthered his cause. "I believe the Merchants of England are superior in Wisdom as well as Riches to those of any People in the World. Yet I will persume to say, their Credit and Esteem with other Nations depends on their Integrity and the justness of their Actions, not on their Riches or Understanding. And I hope the Gentlemen who represent the most considerable Body of Merchants in Great Britain, will not refuse even to a single Person that Equity they would observe to a Community." This was a needless, irrelevant, insinuating piece of insolence. Pigot and his Council dismissed it by directing the Secretary to let him know that they always looked upon him as being directly under Colonel Adlercron and as the Colonel had been allotted a station in Cuddalore, they deemed it only proper that he too should remain at that station under his immediate superior[1].

At this stage we may set the clock back and review from the beginning the public events of the year narrated in these Consultations. The year opens with Saunders at the wheel of affairs with George Pigot, Stringer Lawrence, Charles Boddam, Henry Powney, Robert Orme, Alexander Wynch, William Percival, John Smith and Charles Bourchier as his colleagues in Council[2]. Within a few days, however, Saunders, after a brilliant career set in a darkening gloom bids farewell to Madras just as he had hailed it some 20 years ago, a lone and solitary figure, self-satisfied maybe, but not sufficiently rewarded for his signal services to the Company. On the 12th January, he handed over charge to Pigot[3] and on the 14th embarked on the *Norfolk* for England[4]. And yet he left a deep impress on the administration. His legacies, both in the matters of external and internal concerns of the Company, were piously treasured by his successor. Assisted by the same Council, Pigot, at any rate during the first year of his rule, displayed a conduct in many ways similar to that of his illustrious predecessor. His determination to oppose the French aggrandizement, to uphold the Nawab's rights, to put down corruption and indiscipline in the Company's army and preserve its interests in the midst of much opposition from the officers of the King's troops has already been indicated. His genuine efforts to revive the Company's investment, to set right their finances and in general to improve their administration now claim our special attention.

The times were, indeed, unpropitious. The Anglo-French wars had ceased, but ceased only to revive bitter memories of frustrated hopes and secret revenge. Both nations gave little hopes to the country to relapse into its normal peaceful conditions. The air was still impregnated with doubts, suspicious and secret preparations for yet another conflagration. The last conflagration had, both in the Arcot country and in the Deccan, left by no means easily indelible marks of its ravages. It had blighted cotton cultivation, forced the weavers to fly from their homes, discouraged the merchants, set up a chronic state of diminishing finances and fostered unhealthy competition between the French and the English in the provision of the investment. This state of affairs, though relieved to some extent by the temporary peace patched up between the two nations, continued to make its effects felt throughout 1755. To the scarcity, dearness and bad quality of cotton were now added a fierce competition between the French, the Dutch and the English and a combination among the merchants to artificially keep up the price of all articles of finished goods.

Complaints were early received from the Northern Factories. John Andrews of Bandermalanka attributed the badness and dearth of the investment to various causes. There was the alarm of the Maratha incursions which had obliged the merchants to procure what they hastily could from the panic-stricken weavers. There was the competition set up by the French who had advanced their merchants 30,000 pagodas for the supply of ordinary cloth.

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[1] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1755, Military Department, pages 215, 216, 224.

[2] See pages 1, 3.

[3] See page 3.

[4] See page 4.

Their gumastas were receiving all the cloth turned out by him at an extravagant price. They were also taking in cloth without measuring or sorting, a thing which he dared not do for fear of displeasing the Company. There was the intrigue engendered by the weavers who, taking advantage of the pressing demands of the merchants, were supplying bad cloth. And so far as he was concerned, there was the want of early supplies of cash which was hampering him not a little in his dealings with the merchants[1]. In February, he sent in a small consignment of bales and reported that owing to French competition he had not been able to procure a single bale for the last two months[2]. Foss Westcott of Ingeram, too, reported the same tale of misery. He, too, could supply only a small quantity of bales in February. He had been forestalled and outbidden by the French. They had advanced their merchants large sums of money and bought all cloth he had rejected at a price higher than he could offer. Moreover, a parcel of his cloth had been seized by Jaganauth Razu[3]. About the middle of the year, we hear of the dearness of cotton, of the whole crops having been destroyed[4], presumably by the country troubles. Andrews reported that the Dutch were making a large investment in fine goods and that this had severely affected his provision of ordinary goods, inasmuch as the profits on the fine goods were much greater and therefore more tempting to the merchants[5]. At Vizagapatam alone, it would seem that the investment was procured without any difficulty. And this was because of two reasons. Vizagapatam had been permitted to buy a larger quantity of fine goods than the other two factories, and Vizagapatam had only to contend with Bimlipatam which, since the pillage of the Marathas in the previous year[6], had lost its importance to the Dutch. The Dutch had since then transferred their headquarters to Cokinana near Ingeram and the French had resolved to carry on their investment at Yanam, which was much nearer Ingeram and Bandermalanka[7]. Pigot and his Council could hardly contend with these factors. They, however, permitted the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam to increase their investment in fine goods as an encouragement to the merchants to provide a better investment in ordinary goods[8]. They allowed them also to repair their factory house at Upparah[9]. They remonstrated to Vizairam Razu about the seizure of the Ingeram goods by Jaganauth Razu . They periodically supplied the Northern Factories with cash[10] and urged them to put forth all their exertions. They instigated the Nawab of Cuddapah to undermine, if possible, the French influence in the Deccan[11] But they did not wish to openly oppose the French in those quarters. Bussy was there still dominant, exercising a supreme influence over Salabat Jang, and any attempt to oppose him by force was not only risky but contrary to the terms of the truce.

Prospects were not better at Fort St. David. Early in January, Starke and his Council intimated that they would not be able to supply more than 210 bales for the season and enquired as to what should be done with their turned out cloth. As there was some difficulty in completing the tonnage of the Europe ships, the Presidency advised them to admit the best of the turned out cloth at an abatement[12] . But this cloth was soon discovered to be so bad that scarcely 10 bales of them could be admitted[13] . And yet the merchants had demand for such cloth from other quarters; for, we are told that they refused to sell it at an abatement of more than $2\frac{1}{2}$ pagodas per corge when 12 pagodas per corge "would be barely sufficient[14] ." And though the merchants promised better cloth for the future, they actually brought in poor sortments, pleading a series of excuses, some facile and quite unjustifiable, but others, it must be noted, partly justifiable but mostly coloured by their own cupidity. Nor did they hesitate to back out of their contracts where possible. Govinda Chetti complained

[1] See page 5.
[2] See page 44
[3] See page 49.
[4] See pages 132, 220.
[5] See pages 128, 221.
[6] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Volume 82, pages 138, 159; Volume 83, page 52.
[7] See page 273.
[8] See page 235.
[9] See pages 154, 155, 236.
[10] See pages 89, 194, 202, 205, 244, 274, 282, 305, 342.
[11] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1755, Military Department, pages 202, 203, 205, 217, 220, 226.
[12] See page 32.
[13] See pages 45, 46.
[14] See page 54.

that he could neither fulfil his contract nor pay in his balance due. 6,000 pagodas of his balance had been advanced by his partner, Tenneveroy Pillai, to the weavers and they were refusing to bring in any cloth, saying that they had settled everything with Tenneveroy. He promised to pay the rest or even half of the whole balance, provided he were disengaged from his partnership with Tenneveroy. This measure was recommended by Fort St. David to the Presidency on the ground that " the latter has a bad reputation but the former bears a universal good character[1]." Pigot and his Council, however, pointed out that the reason for contracting with sets of merchants instead of with single persons was that the Company might have a better security for the money they advanced; that this was well-known to the merchants and therefore, Govinda Chetti could not expect that " the Company will disburthen him to load themselves with his Partner's Misconduct[2]." It was, indeed, unwise to create bad precedents, most unwise in times of disturbance when the merchants might take undue advantage of the Company.

Indeed, the merchants did attempt to take undue advantage of the Company. At first they showed themselves backward in bringing in their cloth. Nagore Kistna and Ramayya desired to pay their balances in money, alleging that they could not risk it in the hands of the weavers when there was a rumour that the Marathas would come to Srirangam[3]. The full import of this became clear a little later when, on orders from Home, the Presidency directed (May) that public notice must be given to all persons desiring to undertake any part of the investment, to deliver their proposals at once[3]. For, in June, the Council of Fort St. David wrote that they had not received any proposals despite the public notice. They believed that their merchants had formed a combination " to reduce the Investment to their own Terms." Irshappa Chetti and Paupa Razu, having promised to bring in musters, brought " extreamly good " cloth. But then they pretended that it was made of old cotton and so they could not undertake to provide such cloth until they could judge how the new cotton would turn out. " Upon this trifling Behaviour they were ordered to pay in their Ballances at the next Consultation, when they again appeared with the other Musters made (as they said) of new Cotton so very bad that the Board unanimously rejected them, upon which they positively refused intermeddling in the Investment without an Advance in the Price of 3 Pagodas per Corge and they have accordingly declined taking any further Advance untill they have discharged their Ballances." Starke and his Council went on to express their fears that Parasuram Pillai in whom they had great hopes was also trifling with them. He had asked for more time to bring in his cloth, while Nagore Kistna and Rama Chetti had paid in their balance and declined any further concern in the investment[4].

This was grave news. The recent war might have been partly responsible for the dearth and poor quality of cotton cultivation and consequently a poor investment. That it was solely responsible for the conduct so persistently shown by the merchants, however, could not be believed by Pigot. He agreed with Starke and his colleagues that a combination had actually been set up[5] and to break it, hit upon an ingenious idea. Nella Chetti, a Madras merchant of good credit, had, in the previous year, made certain proposals for providing an investment at Devicotta[6]. The scheme of the Devicotta investment had been given up as impracticable[7], but Pigot now sounded him as to whether he would agree to provide an investment at Fort St. David. Nella Chetti expressed willingness to do so and Pigot told him " that if he acted in this undertaking with spirit and to the satisfaction of the Board he might depend on having every Encouragement and support . . . with particular Marks of Favour." Fort St. David was, at the same time, directed to give him all encouragement and assistance[8]. The plan worked admirably. The moment it was bruited about that a formidable intruder had come upon the scene, Irshappa Chetti and Paupa Razu

[1] See page 127.
[2] See page 128.
[3] See page 144.
[4] See page 166.
[5] See page 167.
[6] See page 77.
[7] See Introduction to Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, page xvi.
[8] See pages 84, 167, 174.

consented at once to contract for the new investment at old prices[1]. Others came later, but come they did, notwithstanding their professions never to undertake the investment[2]. But the Presidency were not to be deluded. They wrote to Fort St. David to inform Irshappa Chetti and Paupa Razu that their conduct "leaves a strong Impression on our Minds, and nothing but the punctual Performance of their Contract can efface it[3]."

But the stock of deceipt was not yet exhausted. Parasuram Pillai who had been largely advanced, gave false assurances that his cloth was ready and was actually on the road from Salem. For three months, Starke and his Council awaited and at last, finding that they had been deceived, put him under confinement and sent a trustworthy person to Salem to make enquiries. It was discovered that he had "not above 4 Ox loads of Cloth ready" and none at the weavers. But the Presidency ordered him to be released on condition that he gave security to clear the balance within a reasonable time[4].

All this time it must be admitted that the conditions obtaining in the country were far from favourable. The new cotton crop was anything but good; the French competition was inescapable. In September, Fort St. David complained that all their remonstrances to their merchants had been in vain. They had been obliged to reject considerable quantities of cloth, but still the merchants were bringing in the same sorts, though in smaller quantities, alleging that it was the best that the country could afford and that it had great demand from other European nations. This allegation appeared to be true; "for on turning out a large parcell of Cloth lately, Irshappa Chetti and Paupa Razu wrote to their Gomastahs to dispose of what remain'd which they did to the French, who, it is said, have by this means collected near a thousand Bales and unless we pursue the same Measure, it is not to be expected we can procure any quantity of Cloth." Even Nella Chetti was reported to have supplied bad cloth, saying that it was the best he could provide[5].

Nothing could have been more disconcerting to Pigot and his Council. They had been repeatedly reminded by the Directors to improve the investment and to send only the best cloth to Europe. The cloth they had recently supplied Home had elicited a warning from the Company to be careful in future[6]. All the time the investment at Fort St. David as also at other places was diminishing in spite of their best efforts to revive it. Both the quantity and quality were deteriorating on account of the French competition and the distracted state of the country. In these circumstances prudence dictated to them only one course, and that was not to allow as far as possible the investment to slip away from their hands for ever. And this course they adopted disregarding the Directors' warning in the best interests of the Company itself. They asked Fort St. David to take in all inferior cloth at an abatement and directed that in doubtful cases the cloth might be sent for their inspection, particularly the cloth supplied by Nella Chetti[7]. Fort St. David relaxed their strictness in sorting, but felt that to send up Nella Chetti's cloth for the approval of the Presidency was to destroy their own influence with the merchants. And they also enquired about another matter which was troubling them as to what they should do to allay the opposition of the merchants to the customary chopping of all turned out cloth at the centre[8]. As the season was then drawing to a close, the Presidency did not repeat their orders about Nella Chetti's cloth and as to the other point raised, they observed that the method of chopping in the middle might have had good effect when it was first introduced, that it had been given up in Madras owing to many practical difficulties, and that Fort St. David also might do the same and chop at the end of the cloth to prevent it from being brought again[9]. During the later part of the year Pigot and his Council again

[1] See pages 194, 195.
[2] See e.g. pages 274, 294.
[3] See page 195.
[4] See page 195.
[5] See pages 255, 256.
[6] See pages 195, 207, 272.
[7] See pages 256, 257.
[8] See page 272.
[9] See page 274.

advised Fort St. David not to be too strict in sorting[1] and to avoid " coming to Extremities " with merchants of credit. They allowed them to admit Bowani, a new Salem merchant, and upon noticing that many of the principal merchants had paid in their balances, instructed them to re-admit those merchants. " We would have them call Paupa Rauze, Irshippah Chetti . . . before their Board and without asking, endeavour to engage them to receive back the Money they paid in and even make them further advances[2]." This wise policy of bowing to the necessity of the times so as not to permanently injure the investment was adopted by Fort St. David[3].

Conditions were somewhat different at Madras. Here we do not come across French competition, large outstanding balances, combinations or other intrigues of the merchants. But we do hear, however, of the dearness of cotton and consequently of the bad investment. In January, Gundaveddy Venkataramah and Nella Chetti, the Company's old merchants, were advanced 5000 pagodas[4]; Sunca Venkataramah and Ambalatody were advanced 4000 pagodas[5]. In the next month was tried an experiment which had been much favoured and strongly urged by the Directors. It was resolved to give a month's notice to all merchants to submit proposals for providing the investment[6]. But the experiment, however, soon proved a failure. In March, proposals were received from two new merchants, Yacun Pillai and Poncala Narain Chetti. Yacun Pillai offered to contract for the same goods at the same prices as were offered by Sunca Venkataramah. This was encouraging. But Yacun Pillai, it was discovered, was a man of straw, " a person of no Distinction, substance or Credit." The Board, therefore, considering it inadvisable to leave at his hands at the end of the year " so large a balance of 6000 Pagodas or any balance at all ", rejected his offer. Poncala Narain Chetti's proposals seemed to them calculated to raise his credit as a Company's merchant. No great advantage, the Board thought, could be expected from a person of his character, but still, as the Company could not be losers by his undertaking since " he is to receive no Money till the Goods are delivered ", they agreed to receive and pay immediately for what cloth he might supply. For the bulk of the investment, the Board had to depend upon the old merchants and these merchants, being fully aware of the results of the ineffectual trial made by advertisement, did not fail to remind the Board how profitless the investment had become, compared with its hazards. They, however, promised to do their best and entered into contracts[7]. Soon after Tellasingha Chetti was advanced 10,000 pagodas[8] and Gundaveddy Venkataramah and Nella Chetti another 10,000 pagodas[9].

The promise was not fulfilled. In April, the Export Warehousekeeper reported that the cloth brought in by the merchants was " extremely bad[10]. It was therefore felt necessary to consult the merchants and they were called before the Board and examined separately. All of them, however, stated that the bad quality was due to the dearness of cotton " which at present costs from 38 to 40 Pagodas per candy of the same kind that usually sold for 25 Pagodas per Candy." And all of them hoped that as the new cotton was about to be gathered, the price would soon go down and this would enable them to supply better cloth in future. Pigot warned them that unless better cloth could be provided at the Company's prices, it would be in vain to attempt an investment at Madras, and in such a case all balances outstanding against them would be rigorously demanded and a trial made of entirely new set of merchants. It does not appear that this threat had any effect on the merchants. They replied that unless the prices fell, they could not expect to show an amendment. And the Board realised the truth of this statement. " The Board are of Opinion that a further Tryal be made of them as it is well known that the Price of Cotton has for some time past been very high and Experience has already proved that there are not any other Merchants of Credit in the Bounds who will undertake the Investment[11]."

[1] See page 274.
[2] See pages 293, 294.
[3] See page 314.
[4] See page 8.
[5] See page 23.
[6] See page 35.
[7] See pages 59, 76–78, 84, 85.
[8] See page 85.
[9] See page 107.
[10] See page 123.
[11] See pages 123, 126, 127.

In June and July, 10,000 pagodas were, in each month, advanced to Tellasingha Chetti and others on account of the ordinary goods. Similar advances of 5,000 pagodas in each month were made to Linga Chetti and others on account of the fine goods[1].

Meanwhile fresh complaints about the debasement of manufactures came from England. Pigot and his Council exerted their utmost to discover the real cause of this growing evil. They discoursed with the Company's merchants and other traders and manufacturers and devised some new measures to meet a novel situation. In all the places where the Company's investment had been provided, there had gradually grown up the manufacture of various kinds of inferior quality cloth on account of private traders. And the weavers, finding that engagements for inferior sortments were much more paying than those for the Company's cloth, had become backward, and when pressed, had supplied inferior sortments to the Company's merchants. The Company's merchants now undertook to remedy this state of affairs in some measure provided that they were not suffered to interfere with one another in the provision of particular kinds of cloth and provided that the manufacture of inferior cloth was prohibited in the countries of Chumbauck, Madurantagam, Collyapetta, Conjeeveram and Trivatore. On these conditions Tellasingha Chetti and other merchants with Sunca Ramah promised to provide 300 bales of 8 caul long cloth by February next and Nella Chetti and other merchants undertook to deliver a considerable quantity of Salempores[2].

These conditions were directly contrary to the orders of the Court of Directors. For, the Directors had specially required that a competition among the merchants should be set up and for that purpose a month's previous notice for submitting proposals should be given. The Directors were convinced that a competition was sure to yield beneficial results. To the Board, however, this seemed quite chimerical. When the demand, as was then the case, was greater than the supply, competition in their opinion could only tend to raise the price of goods. The prices under competition would be reduced only when the supply was greater than the demand. Independently of this "universal Maxim" in trade, they had seen how futile it was to advertise for proposals, how not a single merchant of credit had come forward. "Upon the whole the Board are of opinion that the most Effectual Means to restore the Manufacture or prevent its further Debasement will be to limit the Provision of every particular species of Goods to particular sets of Merchants in certain Districts on the Company's Account and discountenance as much as possible the Provision of Inferiour sortments on private Account." This was, it was obvious, a step towards monopoly. But they took it and ordered Tellasingha Chetti and other merchants to provide all the long cloth ordinary and Nella Chetti and other merchants all the Salempores ordinary in the districts mentioned above and in the same districts. it would appear, prohibited the manufacture of inferior sortments[3]. In August, Sunca Venkataramah and other merchants were advanced 5,000 pagodas[4]; Gundaveddy Venkataramah and Nella Chetti were advanced 10,000 pagodas[5]. In November Servanah Chetti, Linga Chetti, Tellasingha Chetti and Gundaveddy Venkataramah were advanced 15,000 pagodas on account of fine goods[6]. Tonappa, Condappa and Ninappa were advanced 10,000 pagodas for painting chintz[6]. Another advance of 10,000 pagodas to Tellasingha Chetti and other merchants was made in November[7] while Gundaveddy Venkataramah and others were advanced 10,000 pagodas in December[8]. In December, Moota Chilumbrum and Weydalingam, two merchants of good credit, having offered to provide Soot Romals, were advanced 2,000 pagodas[9].

The finances of the Company during the year did not cease to cause some anxiety to Pigot and his Council. There was, indeed, no active warfare with the French, no rush of sudden expenditure, no urgent calls for money from the

[1] See pages 187, 191.
[2] See page 207.
[3] See pages 207, 208.
[4] See page 234.
[5] See page 238.
[6] See page 295.
[7] See page 307.
[8] See page 337.
[9] See page 315.

camp and from Fort St. David to meet the demands of the army and the investment. But there was the prolonged campaign into the Madura and Tinnevelly countries, a backwardness among substantial men to bid for the Company's farms, a fall in the price of silver which depreciated rupees and a scarcity of gold which demanded frequent exchanges of rupees for pagodas. Large sums of rupees were sold in January, March, April, May, June, September and December[1]. In January, it was resolved to purchase 20,000 pagodas from Linga Chetti, the Company's merchant and shroff at 9¼ per cent. premium for an early supply of cash to the Northern Settlements. We learn that the exchange ratio was then 373 rupees for 100 pagodas[2]. The same month, having, it was reported, a large quantity of rupees in the treasury and apprehending that their value would fall on the arrival of silver on the expected ships from Manilha, the Export Warehousekeeper was authorized to sell rupees to the amount of 20,000 pagodas[3]. In March, because of the same reasons and because also of the expected arrival of silver on ships from England, a lakh of rupees or upwards was ordered to be soon disposed of. And Linga Chetti, having proposed to receive rupees to the value of 22,000 current pagodas at the rate of 373 rupees for 100 pagodas and to deliver the Madras pagodas for the same in 30 days at the rate of 10 per cent. batta amounting to 20,000 Madras pagodas for 22,000 current pagodas or 82,060 Arcot rupees, his proposals were accepted in order to make an early supply of Madras pagodas to the Northern Settlements[4]. In September, 108,000 rupees were ordered to be sold to Linga Chetti, at a favourable rate of 360 per cent. and 18,000 at the same rate to Alexander Wynch, to both at 10 days trust[5]. In December, Linga Chetti having again proposed to purchase 30,000 pagodas worth of rupees at the current rate of 361 for 100 pagodas, amounting to rupees 108,300, it was agreed to accept his proposal[6]. By this means, by frequently exchanging rupees for pagodas, Pigot and his Council met the expenditure not only of Madras but also of the Subordinate Settlements.

It was not less easy to regulate and, if possible, to augment the income in this period of general turmoil and unrest. We have already seen how, in order to restrain the growing debts of the Nawab, Saunders and his Council had, in the previous year, acquired the mortgage of Seven Maganams, Manimangalam, Covelong and Chingleput from the Nawab[7]. In April, the Nawab's debts still stood at about 2 lakhs of pagodas with every prospect, not of decrease but of increase on account of the Madura and Arcot expeditions and of the charges of maintaining various military posts to defend his country. Pigot and his Council, therefore, considered it necessary to have a personal interview with the Nawab and sent Lawrence, Palk and Walsh to invite him to Madras from Arcot. And on his arrival they told him that the best course would be for him to leave the management of the whole of the Arcot country into the Company's hands until all his debts were discharged, and to receive till then an ample allowance for his expenses. This was a solution big with possibilities. The Company could, during their temporary management, introduce many reforms into the administration, while the Nawab could, at the same time, prevent his brother Abdul Wahab Khan and other reckless dependants from squandering his revenues and dismiss a long train of worthless sepoys who simply swelled the charges of his army. But it was by no means a solution palatable to the Nawab. He saw in it the loss of all his dignity and authority and begging to be excused from accepting it, offered in its stead a promise to pay bills for 8 lakhs of rupees on his shroffs, and as part payment of this sum to mortgage to the Company the countries of Peddipollam and Ponneri which yielded an income of about 30,000 pagodas a year. Pigot and his Council asked for the mortgage of Conjeeveram also and for the future years, half of all the collections made from the poligars and from the Madura and Tinnevelly countries. But the Nawab expressed his inability to mortgage Conjeeveram, though he agreed to accept the

[1] See pages 32, 33, 60, 88, 130, 159, 182, 245, 253, 315.
[2] See page 32.
[3] See page 33.
[4] See page 88.
[5] See page 253.
[6] See page 315.
[7] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, pages 153, 161, 179, 182, 183, 185, 197, 203.

other proposals. This arrangement was not altogether satisfactory to the Government, but it was all that they could secure without disgracing or disgusting their faithful ally[1].

As regards the Company's farms, no difficulty was felt in realizing the rents already contracted for them by the old renters. The rents of the Betel and Tobacco Farm, Arrack and Wine Licence, the rents of Paddy fields, Salt-pans and of St. Thome, and the rents of the Poonamallee country and Jaghir and of the Seven Maganams, Chingleput and Manimangalam, all these were collected with ease and regularity. But on the expiry of some of the old farms, some difficulties arose in securing new renters on the old terms. Thus in the case of the cowle for the Devicotta bounds, though the usual one month's notice for the sale was given at the sea gate in Madras, at Fort St. David and at Devicotta, when the farm was actually put up at outcry on the 31st May for one year from 1st June 1755 to 31st May 1756, on the same terms as those of last year, no one from among the Indians came forward to purchase it. Orme and Smith offered 4,200 pagodas for it, which was the highest bid, but which was less than the rent of the last cowle by 1,800 pagodas[2]. Pigot attributed the decrease in the rent to the short term of the cowle. He said that not many days ago a former renter had offered 3,000 pagodas more on a lease of 5 years. He explained that the scarcity of the monsoon during the last year had destroyed all crops on the ground and brought much loss on the renter[3]. But the Directors had ordered annual leases and the Board did not wish to alter the period of the lease[4]. And though the Directors had also ordered that Europeans should not be allowed to bid for the farms, save under exceptional circumstances, the Board let the farm to Orme and Smith on the ground that none of the Indians had outbid them. Orme and Smith seemed to have bid for the farm principally with a view to keep up its price; for, they stated that they were ready to surrender it at any time to the Company, should the Board think that their holding it was contrary to the orders from Home[5].

Nor was this the only instance. When the cowle for the Poonamallee country and Poonamallee Jaghir was resolved to be put up at outcry, a combination among the principal renters was suspected, to underbid the value of the farm. This necessitated a short adjournment of the sale and the Board's authorization to the Secretary to bid for the farm up to 48,000 pagodas on account of the Company. The Board on this occasion ordered that "no Europeans be permitted to bid for this or any other Cowle or be accepted as security for any Renter." It was in a way fortunate that, when the farm was actually put up at outcry on the last year's terms for one year from 1st July 1755 to 30th June 1756, one Numboor Venkata Subbiah offered 52,400 pagodas. This was an offer higher than the last year's cowle, but he delayed for long in giving securities and eventually it was decided to put him in possession of the country on his depositing 8,000 pagodas and to order the Company's shroff to receive the revenues until sufficient security was given for the payment of the rent[6]. Other farms which were put up for sale during the year gave no trouble to the Board. Of these, however, two may be mentioned here. The cowle for the Ruby Brokerage, which was for the first time since the loss of Madras offered for sale, was purchased by Linga Chetti[7]; while the cowle for St. Thome and its villages was bought by a substantial renter of the Nawab, Meer Dianatullah who had temporarily settled down in Madras[8].

In July, an important reform for controlling expenditure and checking irregularities was introduced by Pigot and his Council. On the recommendation of the Court of Directors, they appointed a Committee of Accounts, consisting of the President, Robert Orme and Alexandar Wynch of Council and John Walsh, James Alexander and James Bourchier under Council. Bourchier was

[1] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1755, Military Department, pages 142, 143, 146–149, 163, 173, 174.
[2] See pages 122, 164.
[3] See page 164.
[4] See Dodwell, H.—Calendar of the Madras Despatches, 1744–55, page 224.
[5] See pages 164, 165.
[6] See pages 168, 185, 187, 188,190, 196, 204, 205.
[7] See pages 168, 185, 188.
[8] See pages 197, 205.

appointed clerk of that Committee and it was ordered that from that time onwards all monthly accounts of the Presidency should be completed and delivered to him as soon as possible in the succeeding month and that all accounts of the subordinate settlements should be delivered to him as soon as they were received. He was to lay all these accounts before the Committee who were to examine them and report to the Board with their remarks as to " Method, Overcharges, Omissions, Irregularities[1]." Many an item of expenditure was thus closely scrutinized and many an irregularity corrected. The reader may refer to the Consultations themselves to form an estimate of the changes introduced on the recommendations of the Committee[2]. It may be sufficient to notice here that as regards Devicotta accounts which were stated by the Committee to have been in utter chaos, a member of the Board was deputed to overhaul them[3].

In the previous volume we have seen the circumstances under which a Committee of Works was appointed to supply materials for the Company's fortifications and buildings, and an enquiry was ordered into the charges preferred by Colonel Scott and Brohier, the Engineer, against Paymaster Boddam[4]. On the report of the Committee of Enquiry[5], the Board passed certain orders for the better management of the Company's works. No one, not even the Engineer, was to raise in future the pay of any subordinate or workman without the permission of the Board or the President. No work or repairs exceeding 50 pagodas was to be undertaken without the Board's order on an estimate submitted by the Engineer. Boddam, who, it was clear, had charged excessive bullock hire, was to refund the overcharge[6]. These orders for the regulation of the Company's works were supplemented by others during the close of the year. In order to comply punctually with the Company's instructions, public notice was directed to be given for receiving proposals for the supply of bricks and chunam[7], though a similar experiment had been tried without success[8]. This attempt likewise proved a complete failure. In December, the Committee of Works reported that some Indian inhabitants had submitted proposals for taking the manufacture of bricks in their hands by an exclusive contract for five years, and offered on that condition to supply the Company with 70 lakhs of bricks in 1756 and 80 lakhs per annum for the next four years. But the Board considered that the proposal could not be accepted. They could see no reason why the Committee of Works could not supply the bricks on the same or even better terms than those offered by Indians, since the latter possessed no advantage over the former. The proposal also involved the payment by the people of a higher price for the bricks supplied them than that paid by the Company. This was opposed to the orders of the Directors who had required that the bricks should be sold at reasonable rates to the people. And further the entire proposal was quite contrary to the Directors' order that all monopoly of materials should be prohibited. The Board, therefore, directed the advertisement for receiving proposals, to be published again and instructed the Committee of Works, in the meantime, to undertake the making and supplying of bricks for the use of the Company[9].

All this economy, scrutiny and strict management did not prevent Pigot and his Council from spending money over some new schemes. In order that a commodious house might always be in readiness in Madras for the reception of distinguished strangers and persons of rank and station, a house belonging to Messrs. Lopez and De Castro, in Charles Street, was purchased on account of the Company[10]. On the recommendation of Brohier, a bridge connecting the White to the Black Town was ordered to be constructed and to speed up the work no person whatever either in the White or Black Town was allowed to employ any bricklayers, carpenters and blacksmiths after the 15th April[11]. The houses hired for the hospital in Peddanayague Pettah, and for a hospital in

[1] See page 214.
[2] See pages 236, 237, 239–241, 294–298, 326, 327, 329, 330, 332–341.
[3] See pages 305, 308–311, 332.
[4] See Introduction to Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, pages viii–x.
[5] See pages 66–76.
[6] See page 59.
[7] See pages 181, 182.
[8] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Volume 82, page 189; Volume 83, pages 68, 70, 71.
[9] See pages 343, 344, 346–349.
[10] See pages 2, 7, 51.
[11] See pages 98, 102, 103.

Cuddalore were ordered to be purchased[1]. As there was an " unusual Number of Officers and Covenant Servants " at Madras unprovided with apartments, the Paymaster was authorized to rent a house for them[2]. The Governor's seat in the Church which had been demolished during the French occupation of Madras was ordered to be refitted[3]. And an old custom which prevailed before the loss of Madras was revived by ordering the purchase of 6 chaise and 2 saddle horses for the use of the President[4].

Turning to the sale of Europe goods, we observe that there was not, as in the previous years, sufficient demand for broad cloth. Broad cloth put up at outcry in February had no bidders, even for a single lot[5]. In March, we learn that it had become greatly damaged by the worms and mildew[6]. It had to be sold piecemeal in April, May, July, August, September, October, November and December[7]. Copper was sold in August[8]; lead in November[9]. Iron was sold in June at 15¼ Pagodas per candy[10]. Part of the Barbary copper consigned to Bengal by the *Norfolk*, but landed at this settlement was disposed of in June and the rest, having had no bidders, was sent to the Bay[11].

Looking at the administration of justice, we find that there was not the same amount of friction nor the same strained feeling between the Government and the Mayor's Court as was noticeable in the previous year. Occasionally, however, the Government resented the language used by the Mayor's Court in its correspondence with them[12]. But on the whole there was harmony and on many occasions Pigot and his Council never refused to comply with the requests made by the Court. They allowed it to retain all the law books sent for reference and supplied it with other law books which had hitherto been kept in the Secretariat[13]. They furnished it with copies of all correspondence of the Home authorities relating to the administration of justice[14] and permitted its Registrar to attend on the President while he administered oaths to new Aldermen[15]. They allowed it to pay all the fines collected once in a year[16] instead of periodically as before[17].

This account will not be complete without noticing an important letter written by the Mayor's Court to the Court of Directors. The Mayor's Court asked for directions and orders on several points relating to law and public administration. It reiterated its opinion that it was essential to permit Indians to bring in their suits into the Court. Experience had shown that they were by no means willing to settle their affairs among themselves without incurring great expense and without resorting to " unbounded frauds ". It should also be made clear whether the authority and jurisdiction of the Court extended to the new possessions already acquired, or which might hereafter be acquired by the Company on the Coast. The case of insolvent debtors, another important matter, called for remedy. Such of them as were ready to give a true and exact account of their estates should be allowed, as in England, to apply for bankruptcy. " A relief of that kind would be very useful to the Trade of these settlements ". Nor was the manner in which commission was charged by executors in Madras satisfactory. In deciding upon this question it must, however, be remembered that Europeans dying in India were almost in every respect differently circumscribed from those dying in England. Here they had no relations and few friends who would undertake the trouble of performing their duties as executors without a reasonable commission on the sale of effects, or receipts of money, or on the net estate. It was also advisable to relax the statute of limitations for admission of suits into the Mayor's Court, considering that Madras had, for about seven years, no court since its loss to the French. Orders should also be sent on the revival which had been made of a rule of the former Mayor's Court by which the Court had resolved to hear petty causes

[1] See pages 34, 109, 110, 144, 306.
[2] See page 206.
[3] See page 225
[4] See page 245.
[5] See pages 7, 50.
[6] See pages 84, 86, 122, 124, 125.
[7] See pages 110, 119, 144, 146–153, 156, 162, 195, 215, 219, 245, 246, 261, 267, 289, 306, 312, 344, 350.
[8] See pages 215, 245, 247, 248.
[9] See pages 215, 245, 289, 306, 312.
[10] See pages 175, 186, 189.
[11] See pages 123, 156, 195, 198.
[12] See page 212.
[13] See pages 174, 179.
[14] See pages 174, 179, 221, 223.
[15] See pages 206, 211, 212.
[16] See page 326.
[17] See e.g., 7, 47,

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During the year Henry Vansittart, an Alderman, having resigned a new Alderman, Samuel Ardley, was appointed[2]. In December, a new Mayor and Sheriff, George Mackay and James Bourchier respectively, were chosen and sworn in[3]. In the same month, the Court of Requests informed the Government that it had, in accordance with the Charter, chosen new commissioners. As some inconvenience had arisen from their number being no more than eight during the year and as the Company had authorized the Court to choose any number of Commissioners at the annual election provided the whole did not exceed twenty four, it had added twelve new Commissioners to the four remaining of the last year's election[4].

Among the miscellaneous subjects the scheme proposed by Pigot to regulate the management of the boats in the Madras harbour and some incidental references to Negrais and Fort Marlborough deserve to be mentioned. Pigot's scheme, though admirable, was destined to meet much opposition[5]. From Negrais we learn that war was steadily going on between the Peguans and the Burmese and that while the French sided the former the English showed their sympathies towards the latter[6]. From Fort Marlborough we hear of a complaint from the Military Officers that they were allowed neither lodgings nor allowances for oil, etc. as were customary[7]. The Dutch Government from Batavia, too, preferred a complaint asserting their rights to Natal and enclosing the extract of an agreement made by their agents in 1693 with the people of Natal. This was ordered to be transmitted to the Court of Directors[8].

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[1] See pages 7, 14–17.
[2] See pages 221, 222, 225, 234.
[3] See pages 314, 337.
[4] See pages 326, 328.
[5] See pages 344, 345.
[6] See pages 154, 155, 331.
[7] See page 121.
[8] See page 18.

COMPANY'S SHIPPING TABLE.

Name of Ship.	Name of Captain.	Date of Arrival and Place.	Cargo, Military, etc.	Date of Departure and Place.	Cargo, Military, etc.
St. George ..	Robert Robinson.	12th January 1755. From Bengal.	....	29th January 1755. For Malabar Coast touching at Fort St. David.	From Madras: Sir James Foulis as passenger to Bombay. From Fort St. David: 35 sepoys to Tellicherry.
Arcot (Snow).	(1) Joseph Bond.	13th January 1755. From Negrais.	A general letter dated 1st January 1755.	24th January 1755. For Fort St. David.	Arms — Stores — Timbers received from Negrais by this ship—a general letter dated 24th January 1755.
Do.	(2) Joseph Bond and was succeeded on his death by Robert Jackson.	1st March 1755. From Fort St. David.	210 bales—about 497 maunds of saltpetre—29 candies of redwood—20 European soldiers—a general letter dated 23rd February 1755.	4th April 1755. For Negrais.	Rs. 20,000 and 50 Pags. worth of copper cash—Hugh Grotius Pecuda as passenger - two general letters dated 3rd and 4th April 1755
Norfolk ..	Pinson Bonham.	.. ..	....	14th January 1755. For England touching at St. Helena.	To England: 1361 bales[1]—200 tons of saltpetre[1]—Diamonds[2]—private trade[3]—24 tons of redwood[4] (as part of dunnage)—passengers: Thomas Saunders; Capt. Donald Campbell, William and Alexander Wynch[5]—two Despatches dated 10th November 1754 and 12th January 1755. To St. Helena: A general letter dated 10th November 1754.

[1] See Public Despatches to England, 1754-55, Ms. Vol. 20, page 48.
[2] See do. do. pages 53–66.
[3] See do. do. page 67.
[4] See Public Consultations, 1754, Vol. 83, pages 179, 208.
[5] See do. do. pages 202, 228.

Name of Ship.	Name of Captain.	Date of Arrival and Place.		Cargo, Military, etc.	Date of Departure and Place.		Cargo, Military, etc.
Kent (His Majesty's ship).	(1) Admiral Watson and Captain Henry Speke.	17th January 1755.	From Bombay touching at Fort St. David.	A general letter dated 14th December 1754.	6th April 1755.	For Trincomalee.	....
Do.	(2) Do.	19th August 1755.	From Trincomalee touching at Fort St. David.	....	10th October 1755.	For Bombay.	....
Tyger (His Majesty's ship).	(1) John Latham.	25th January 1755.	From Fort St. David.	....	6th April 1755.	For Trincomalee.	....
Do.	(2) Do	19th August 1755.	From Trincomalee touching at Fort St. David.	....	4th October 1755.	For Fort St. David.	1,00,000 Rs. and 20,000 Pags.
Britannia ..	Nevell Norway.	7th February 1755.	From Bengal.	6,650 C.W.T. of rice—a general letter dated 13th January 1755 and two from William Ellis at Ingellee both dated 18th January 1755.	28th March 1755.	For Canton touching at West Coast.	To Canton: 20 chests of silver—a general letter to Messrs. Misenor, etc. supercargoes dated 27th March 1755. To the West Coast: Salt—stores—general letters to Fort Marlborough, Natal and Batavia, all dated 27th March 1755.
Winchelsea ..	Christopher Baron.	9th February 1755.	From Bengal.	30 bales of goods such as baftaes etc.– stores (for St. Helena)—a general letter dated 10th January 1755, one from William Ellis at Ingellee, dated 17th January 1755 and also one from Negrais received at Bengal by the *Egmont*.	12th March 1755.	For England touching at St. Helena.	To England: 841 bales[1]—80 tons of saltpetre—Diamonds[2]—passengers: Henry Eustace Johnson, Waldegrave Pelham, Thomas Cooke and Mrs. Cooke—a Despatch dated 10th March 1755 and a separate Despatch dated 8th March 1755. To St. Helena: A general letter dated 10th March 1755.

King Fisher (His Majesty's Sloop).	(1) John Harrison.	15th February 1755.	From Bengal.	....	6th May 1755.	For Fort St. David.	36 French prisoners[3]—a general letter dated 5th May 1755.
Do.	(2) Do.	21st June 1755.	From Fort St. David.	....	4th July 1755.	For Fort St. David.	....
Do.	(3) Smith ..	28th September 1755.	From Fort St. David.	....	10th October 1755.	For Bombay.	....
Salisbury (His Majesty's Ship).	(1) Thomas Knowler.	15th February 1755.	From Bombay touching at Galé.	....	6th April 1755.	For Trincomalee.	....
Do.	(2) Do.	19th August 1755.	From Trincomalee touching at Fort St. David.	....	10th October 1755.	For Bombay.	....
Bridgwater (His Majesty's ship.)	(1) William Martin.	18th February 1755.	From Bengal.	....	1st March 1755.	For Fort St. David.	25 chests containing 2,00,500 A. Rupees—39 French prisoners and Capt. Pascal and 2 subaltern officers as passengers[4]—a general letter dated 28th February 1755.
Do.	(2) Do.	6th March 1755.	From Fort St. David.	170 Military and 20 train[5]. ..	6th April 1755.	For Trincomalee.	....
Do.	(3) Do.	19th May 1755.	From Trincomallee touching at Fort St. David.	....	29th May 1755.	For Fort St. David.	....
Do.	(4) Do.	21st June 1755.	From Fort St. David.	....	3rd July 1755.	For Fort St. David.	....
Do.	(5) Do.	19th August 1755.	From Fort St. David.	....	10th October 1755.	For Bombay.	....
Kent ..	George Wilson.	16th March 1755.	From Bengal.	4884 bags of rice – 6 bales of Sannoes—a general letter dated 16th February 1755 and one from William Ellis at Ingellee dated 10th February 1755.	29th May 1755.	For Canton.	100 tons of redwood—20 chests of treasure—a general letter to Messrs. Misenor, etc. supercargoes at Canton.

[1] See Public Despatches to England, 1754–55, Ms. Vol. 20, page 117.
[2] See Do. do. pages 121–127.
[3] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1755, Military Department, page 79.
[4] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1755, Military Department, page 34.
[5] See Do. do. page 43.

Name of Ship.	Name of Captain.	Date of Arrival and Place.		Cargo, Military, etc.	Date of Departure and Place.		Cargo, Military, etc.
Cumberland (His Majesty's ship).	(1) Commodore Pocock.	..	..	....	6th April 1755.	For Trincomalee.	....
Do.	(2) Commodore Pocock and John Harrison.	19th August 1755.	From Trincomalee touch-in at Fort St. David.	....	10th October 1755.	For Bombay.	....
Prince George.	(1) William Ormston and Edward Burman.	15th April 1755.	From Fort Marlborough.	Arrack—Sugar—private goods[1]—two general letters dated 20th and 23rd February 1755 with one from St. Helena dated 12th April 1754 and five others from Military officers, etc. at Fort Marlborough.	5th August 1755.	For Fort St. David.	2,175 bags of rice[2]—a general letter dated 3rd August 1755.
Do.	(2) Edward Burman and Thomas Hague.	31st August 1755.	From Fort St. David.	113 candies of redwood—a general letter dated 29th August 1755.	22nd October 1755.	For Negrais..	A general letter dated 21st October 1755.
Cuddalore (Sloop).	(1) Nathaniel Hammond.	22nd May 1755.	From Negrais.	Lt. Billhock as passenger—a general letter dated 13th April 1755.	1st June 1755.	For Fort St. David.	Timbers received from Negrais by this ship—20,000 Pags.—a general letter dated 31st May 1755.
Do.	(2) Do.	4th July 1755.	From Fort St. David.	100 candies of redwood—32 bales of calicoes—a general letter dated 1st July 1755.	9th September 1755.	For Negrais touching at Vizagapatam.	To Negrais: Stores—Rs. 30,000—a general letter dated 9th September 1755. To Northern Settlements: Stores for Vizagapatam, Mad. Pags. 10,000 for Madapollom and Mad. Pags. 5,000 for Ingeram—a general letter to each settlement dated 9th September 1755.

Protector ..	William James.	7th June 1755.	From Bombay.	...	18th July 1755.	For Bombay touching at Fort St. David.	To Fort St. David: Stores —45 pipes of Madeira wine—Pags. 20,000—a general letter dated 17th July 1755. To Bombay:— From Fort St. David: A detachment under Capt. Forbes[3]. From Madras: A general letter dated 22nd July 1755.
Rhoda ..	John McNemara.	8th June 1755.	From England.	240 bales of broad cloth and 60 bales of long ells (intended for Bombay)[4]—Medicines — Wares — stores — treasure—paper[5]—Coral for purchasing diamonds[6]—private gold[7]—private goods and merchandize[8]—94 military recruits[9]—passengers: Charles Floyer (in Company's service); Ambrose Perry[10] (not in Company's service)—George Mandevill and John Godere as supercargoes—packets for Bengal and Bombay[5]—a Despatch dated 29th November 1754.	18th July 1755.	For Canton ..	Bullion—a general letter to supercargoes dated 17th July 1755.

[1] See Letters to Fort St. George, 1754–55, Vol. 35, page 15.

[2] See Fort St. David Consultations, 1755, Ms. Vol. 22A, page 107.

[3] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1755, Military Dept., pages 120–122.

[4] These bales together with the Swiss Regiment under Capt. Zeigler were despatched to Bombay by His Majesty's ships that sailed for Bombay on 10th October 1755.

[5] See Public Despatches from England, 1754–55, Ms. Vol. 58, page 8.

[6] See Public Despatches from England, 1754–55, Ms. Vol. 58, page 7.

[7] See Do. do. do. page 191.

[8] See Do. do. do. pages 155–160.

[9] The above volume mentions 105 recruits including officers on pages 207–209, 211.

[10] See Public Despatches from England, 1754–55, Ms. Vol. 58, page 334.

Name of Ship.	Name of Captain.	Date of Arrival and Place.	Cargo, Military, etc.	Date of Departure and Place.	Cargo, Military, etc.
Prince of Wales.	William Peck ..	8th June 1755. From England.	265 bales of broad cloth, 29 bales long ells and 5 chests of paper[1]—Wares—stores—treasure—coral and emeralds to purchase diamonds[1]—private gold and silver[2]—private goods and merchandize[3]—93 military recruits[4]—Thomas Lockwood, Fra[s]. Wood and Thomas Smith as supercargoes—a Despatch dated 29th November 1754.	18th July 1755 For Canton ..	Bullion—a general letter to the supercargoes dated 17th July 1755.
Bombay Castle.	Thomas Browne.	13th June 1755. From England touching at Fort St. David.	From England: 261 bales of broad cloth and 28 bales of long ells[5]—treasure[6]—coral and silver to purchase diamonds[7]—private gold and silver[8]—private goods and merchandize[9]—74 military recruits[10]—passengers: Thomas Kelsall, William Barker, Edward Raddon, Richard Cooke, John Maxwellstone, Archdale Palmer and Abraham Browne (all in Company's service); Jane Morse, Elizabeth Morse, Frances Berriman and Hannah Darker[11] (not in Company's service)—a Despatch dated 29th Novr. 1754 with packets for Bengal and Bombay.	26th July 1755. For Canton ..	Redwood—Lewis Dencker as passenger for England—a general letter to the supercargoes at Canton dated 26th July 1755.
Hardwicke ..	(1) John Samson.	19th June 1755. From England touching at Madeira.	From England: Treasure—private gold[12]—private goods and merchandize[13]—91 Military recruits[14]—a despatch	19th July 1755. For Bengal touching at Vizagapatam.	To Bengal: 40 tons of redwood—70 chests of Rupees—a general letter dated 18th July 1755.

				dated 29th November 1754 with a packet for Bombay. From Madeira: 200 pipes of Madeira wine—a general letter dated 28th January 1755.			To Northern Settlements: 6 pipes of Madeira wine—Mad. Pags. 20,000—general letters to Vizagapatam, Ingeram and Bandermalanka dated 18th July 1755.
Do.	..	(2) John Samson.	11th October 1755.	From Bengal.	About 100 tons of saltpetre—a general letter dated 12th September 1755 and one from Henry Kelsall at Ingellee dated 20th September 1755.	28th October 1755.	For England touching at St. Helena.	To England:— From Bengal: bales—redwood—200 tons of saltpetre. From Madras: 874 bales[15]—51 tons of saltpetre[16] diamonds[17]—private trade[18]—Lt. John Conrad de Peyer and Lt. Lawrence Merriman as passengers—a despatch dated 27th October 1755 with a separate despatch for the Secret Committee of the same date. To St. Helena:— From Bengal: Stores. From Madras: A general letter dated 27th October 1755.

[1] See Public Despatches from England, 1754-55, Ms. Vol. 58, page 9.
[2] See Do. do. do. page 193.
[3] See Do. do. do. pages 161–67.
[4] The above Volume mentions 106 recruits including officers on pages 213–215.
[5] See Public Despatches from England, 1754–55, Ms. Vol. 58, page 6.
[6] See Do. do. do. page 39.
[7] See Do. do. do. page 5.
[8] See Do. do. do. page 189.
[9] See Do. do. do. pages 149–153.
[10] The above Volume mentions 103 Military recruits including officers on pages 203–206.
[11] See Public Despatches from England, 1754–55, Ms. Vol 58, page 334.
[12] See Do. do. page 195.
[13] See Do. do. pages 169–170.
[14] The above volume mentions 100 recruits including officers on pages 217–219, 221.
[15] See Public Despatches to England, 1752-56, Ms. Vol. 21, page 83.
[16] See Do. do. page 82.
[17] See Do. do. pages 87–97.
[18] See Do. do. page 98.

Name of Ship.	Name of Captain.	Date of Arrival and Place.	Cargo, Military, etc.	Date of Departure and Place.	Cargo, Military, etc.
Eastcourt ..	Arthur Evans ..	1st July 1755. From England.	Treasure—ordnance and stores[1]—coral, emerald, silver, etc. to purchase diamonds[1]—private silver[2]—private goods and merchandize[3]—95 military recruits[4] (intended for Bengal)—passengers: John Dyer[5] (in Company's service); Amelia Hopkins, Joseph Moses and Michael Salomons[6] (not in Company's service) two Despatches dated 31st January and 14th February 1755 with one from the Secret Committee of the latter date.	4th August 1755. For Bengal touching at Vizagapatam.	To Bengal: Bales and plate copper consigned to Bengal by the *Norfolk* in 1754—redwood—40 chests of Rupees—a general letter to Bengal dated 3rd August 1755. To Northern Settlements: Mad. Pags. 10,000—30 Military—a general letter to Vizagapatam dated 3rd August 1755.
Duke of Dorset.	Bernard Forrester.	10th August 1755. From England.	Treasure (intended for Bengal)—ordnance and stores[7] coral and silver to purchase diamonds[7]—private silver[8]—private goods and merchandize[9]—91 military recruits and 2 officers[10] (intended for Bengal)—passengers: John Douglas (in Company's service); William Powney[11], Alexander Wishart[6] (not in Company's service)—two Despatches dated 31st January and 14th February 1755.	14th September 1755. For Bengal ..	Copper consigned to Bengal by the *Norfolk* in 1754—25 chests of Rupees—a general letter dated 11th September 1755 with one to Fort Marlborough of the same date, to be forwarded from Bengal.

N.B.—The ship Dodington, Captain James Sampson, carrying much naval and military stores and provisions besides 95 recruits and about 107 men of the Royal Regiment of Artillery was lost in her voyage from England near the island of Chaos.

[1] See Public Despatches from England, 1754–55, Ms. Vol. 58, page 13.
[2] See Do. do. page 197.
[3] See Do. do. pages 171–178.
[4] The above volume mentions 101 recruits including officers on pages 223–225.
[5] See Public Despatches from England, 1754–55, Ms. Vol. 58, page 303.
[6] See Public Despatches from England, 1754–55, Ms. Vol. 58, page 334.
[7] See Do. do. page 19.
[8] See Do. do. page 199.
[9] See Do. do. pages 179–184.
[10] The above volume mentions 101 recruits including officers on pages 227–229.
[11] See Public Consultation, 1756, page 383.

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—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1755* ——

Received by Tappies two General Letters from DeveCotah dated the 19th. and 27th. Ultimo, and One from Fort St. David dated 26th. Ulto. 1

Arrived Brigantine Sta. Reta, Francis Legris from Negrais. 3

Received by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated the 30th. Ultimo. —

Received by Tappies Genl. Letter from Fort St. David dated 1st. Instant. 5

At a Consultation

Present

MONDAY THE 6TH.

Thomas Saunders Esqr. Govr. President.	
George Pigot.	Stringer Lawrence.
Charles Boddam.	Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.	Alexander Wynch.
William Perceval.	John Smith.

Charles Bourchier.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation read and signed.

General Letters read—Vizt.

General letters read from Deve Cotah.

Ns. 1 & 2 from Mr. Charles Hopkins Chief of DeveCotah, the first dated the 19th. Ultimo, Enclosing the Monthly Accounts for November, also an Estimate of the Charge of the necessary Repairs of the several Buildings there, and advising us that judging the Repair of the Curtain the most immediately necessary, he had ordered the Rubbish to be cleared away for that Purpose, That Captain Forbes Detachment marched thro that Place the 16th. for Fort St. David, That the French Factory at Porto Novo having been washed away, They are building a more spacious one about 800 yards from the River That Mr. Dawson having finished all that related to the Books and desiring to return to the Presidency, he permitted him to set out the 11th. The other, dated 27th. Ultimo, acknowledging the Receipt of our Letters of the 20th. Ultimo, and enclosing all the Accounts he can find relating to that Settlement.

Genl. Letters read. From Fort St. David.

Ns. 3. 4. & 5, From the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David, The first, dated 26th. Ulto., acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 21st. and advising that Captain White died there the 24th. That in saluting on Christmass day a Spark by Accident flew into a Room under one of the Curtains and blew up 250,000 Cartridges but did no other Damage than wounding six of the Military and Mr. James Broadbent who are all likely to do well. That Captain Forbes Detachment being in want of 450 Stand of Arms which they can't supply, They request we will furnish them with that Number. That the Company's Sloop Dragon has been surveyed, and 'tis thought

impossible to get her off before the middle of February, at present she is almost buried in the sand. The Second, is dated the 30th. Ultimo, acknowledges the Receipt of our Letter of the 25th. and desires to be acquainted when the Allowance to Colonel Adlercron's Troops is to commence. That as there are no other houses in Manjecopang for his Majesty's Officers but those built for the Braminey's They desire our Directions. That Mr. Fairfield has made a proper Acknowledgement to Colonel Adlercron. The Third is dated the 1st. Instant and acquaints Us that the Arrival of the Seapoys from Camp has caused such a Scarcity of Grain that the Settlement will be shortly distressed unless We send them timely Assistance, reminding Us that they are in want of Copper Cash.

Necessary Repairs to be made at DeveCotah.

Agreed that Mr. Hopkins at DeveCotah be directed to make such Repairs to the Fort and Buildings as are absolutely necessary and no other, and that he be acquainted he was too precipitate in giving Mr. Dawson Leave to return hither before he had received our Permission.

Arms to be sent to Fort St. David & The Company's Rice.

Agreed that the Arms the Gentlemen at Fort St. David write for, be sent them by the first Conveyance and that as they are likely to be in Want of Rice, as much of the Company's Store here as Conveyances can be procured for be sent them.

The Scavenger allowed an additional Number of Cooleys.

The Rental General & Scavinger represents that the Number of Cooley's allowed in that Employ are at present insufficient, The Prisons in which the French Prisoners lately arrived are kept, requiring several hands to keep them clean, Agreed that he be permitted to employ Six or Eight more Cooley's as occasion may require it.

Proposals to be made to Messrs. Lopez and D'Castro for purchasing their House.

It being proposed to the Consideration of the Board, whether it is not necessary that in so considerable a Settlement as this (where there is a constant Resort of Strangers, and frequently Persons of Rank and Publick Station) a house should be always in Readiness for the Reception of such who might otherwise be at a Loss for Accomodation, The Board are of opinion that it is very proper And the House in which Messrs. Lopez & D'Castro now live, in Charles Street being judged the most Commodious for that Purpose, Agreed that Proposals be made them for purchasing the same on the Honble Company's Account.

Storehouse Acco't. for Novr. read.

Alexr. Wynch Storekeeper reads that Account for November Ballance due from him Nine hundred and Seventy One Pagodas four fanams and sixty six Cash (971–4–66) which is carried forward.

Sea Customer pays in money on that Account.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in two thousand (2000) Pagodas on his Running Account.

Advance to the Commissary

Agreed That one thousand three hundred and fifty one Pagodas twelve fanams and fifty two Cash (1351–12–52) be advanced the Commissary to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad, and Henry Powney Impo. Wareho. kr. pays in that sum from the Treasury for Rups. sold.

THOS: SAUNDERS.
GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHAS: BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR: WYNCH.
WILLM: PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS: BOURCHIER.

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Arrived Ship S^{t}. Cecilia, Robert Baillie from Bengal. 7

Received by Peons General Letter from Ingeram dated 18th. Ult^{o}. —

Arrived Ketch Betsey, John Griffin, from Cuddah. 8

Received by Peons General Letter from Bandarmalanka dated the 22^{d}. Ultimo. —

Arrived Sloop London Henry Kerr from Pegue. 9

Received by Tappies General Letter from Fort S^{t}. David dated the 6th. Instant.

Sent by Pattamars General Letters to Bengal, Vizagapatam, Ingeram, Madapollam, Bombay, Tellicherry and Anjengo all dated yesterday, Advising of the Truce concluded with the French on this Coast. 10

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^{R}: GOV^{R}: PRESIDENT.

GEORGE PIGOT. STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHARLES BODDAM. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEXANDER WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

SUNDAY THE 12TH.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 6th. Instant read and signed.

General Letter to the Honble Court of Directors
And
Dispatch to Captain Pinson Bonham of the Norfolk
are now signed.

Both dated this day.

Dispatches ℔ Norfolk signed.

Thomas Saunder's Esq^{r}. acquaints the Board that agreeable to his Declaration in Consultation the 3^{d}. Decem. having now settled all his Concerns with the Company and delivered over the Charge of Publick Affairs to George Pigot Esq^{r}. He proposes to take his Passage to England on the Norfolk and desires that Captain Bonham may be served with a Permitt to receive him and his Necessaries, which being granted, he now pays in Thirty Pagodas agreeable to the Company's Orders for Permission of Passage.

Thos. Saunders Esq^{r}. declares his Intention of returning to Europe ℔ Norfolk.

Pays in his Passage Money.

Order'd that the Packets for England ℔ Norfolk be closed and delivered to Captain Bonham with his Sailing Orders.

Packet for England ℔ Norfolk to be closed and delivered.

THO^{S}: SAUNDERS.
GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHA^{S}: BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^{R}. WYNCH.
WILL^{M}: PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CH^{S}: BOURCHIER.

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12 Arrived the Honble Company's Ship St. George Captain Robert Robinson from Bengal.

— Arrived the Snow three Brothers Patrick Joyce from Pegue.

— Received by do. a General Letter from Mr. Robert Westgarth dated 27th. December last.

13 Arrived Snow Sta. Hereta, William Palairet from Vizagapatam with a General Letter dated the 7th. Instant.

— Arrived the Honble Company's Snow Arcot Joseph Bond from Negrais with a Packet from Mr. Henry Brooke Chief there dated 1st. Instant.

14 This Morning Thomas Saunders Esqr. Having resigned his Government and delivered the Keys of the Garrison to George Pigot Esqr. embarked on board the Norfolk Captain Pinson Bonham; who having received his Dispatches weighed Anchor and proceeded on his Voyage for England.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

TUESDAY THE 14TH. GEORGE PIGOT ESQR: GOVR: PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.	CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.	ROBERT ORME.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.	WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.	CHARLES BOURCHIER.

George Pigot Esqr. takes the Chair and the Company's Commission appointing him to succeed Mr. Saunders publickly read.

George Pigot Esqr. having taken the Chair as President and Governour, The Company's Servants Civil and Military and a great Number of the Inhabitants of the White and Black Town attending without are called in and the Company's Commission publickly read before them, bearing Date the 15th. February 1754 Appointing George Pigot Esqr. President and Governour of Fort St. George &ca. in case of the Death or Removal of Thomas Saunders Esqr.

The Board then adjourned till tomorrow for the Dispatch of Business.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHAS: BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR: WYNCH.
WILLM: PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS: BOURCHIER.

15TH. Received by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated the 12th. Instant.

Arrived Sloop Orange Tree William Dougan from Bengal.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1755* ——

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT. — WEDNESDAY THE 15TH.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.	CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.	ROBERT ORME.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.	WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.	CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

General Letters read, Vizt.

General Letters from Ingeram.

N. 6. From Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram dated the 18th. Ultimo, acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 22d. Novembr. and assuring us of his Care in future that the Stowage of his Vessels may not retard the delivery of the Bales, and acquainting Us that the Cloth We complain of was all provided before he received the Company's Remarks and Injunctions on the Investment and that since the Receipt of them he has done everything in his Power to comply with them and refers to the Cloth he shall shortly send up, for a Proof how far he has succeeded in his Endeavours.

Bandarmilka.

N. 7. From Mr. John Andrews at Bandarmalanka dated 22d. December, Acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 22d. November, and attributing the Badness of the Cloth he sent us up, to the Alarm spread thrō the Country on the Approach of the Moratta's which obliged the Merchants to accept of whatever Cloth they could get from the Weavers, but the Cloth he shall send us up shortly, he promises shall be better, and that he will use his best Endeavours to amend it gradually still more. That the French have advanced their Merchants 30,000 Pagodas for Ordinary Cloth and their Gomastah's receive all the Cloth he turns out, at an extravagant Price and take the Cloth from the Looms witht. measuring or Sorting. That another great Impediment to the Investment is the want of early Supply's, that he did not receive any till July and his Cloth was to be provided by September, That the Weavers take the Advantage of the pressing Demand of the Merchants on these occasions and bring in bad Cloth, but could he be supplyed in January he then could proceed with more Ease and Care. Enclosing the monthly Accounts of that Settlement.

From Fort St. David.

N. 8 and 12. From the Deputy Govr. and Council of Fort St. David. The first dated the 6th. Instant, Enclosing their Monthly Accounts for November, and desiring to be informed under what head the Disbursements for his Majesty's Troops are to be brought. Acquainting us that the Factory House in Porto Novo having tumbled down in the late Rains, some of the Materials were saved, and they desire our Directions on that head. That, Part of the Salem Cloth which was stoped by the Dalloway is arrived and they shortly expect the rest, That their Ballance of Cash is Pagods. 58898–8–5 and they have discharged Bills from Camp since November for Rups. 219289–3– Cloth on hand 172 Bales, Turn'd out Cloth kept in the Godowns 95 Bales. The other is dated the 12th. Instant and advises that Admiral Watson in his Majesty's Ship Kent arrived there that Day and intended to sail for this Place the next.

From Mr. Westgarth at Syrian.

N. 9. From Mr. Robert Westgarth at Syrian dated the 27th. December, Acquainting us that he left that Place the 25th. August intending to proceed hither agreeable to Our Directions, but having lost his Passage was obliged to put back and intends to leave that Place again shortly bound for this Port.

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From Vizagapatam.

N. 10. From Mr. John Lewen Smith Provisional Chief &ca. Council at Vizagapatam dated 7th. Instt. Acquainting us that they have received our Letters of the 22d. November and 6th. Ultimo, and forwarded the Packets for Bengal by Sea, One by the Prince George Captain Lewis, & the other by a Vessell to Ganjam, One of their private Pattamars having been lately intercepted and the Letters burnt by Narrain Dieu who is at variance with Viziaram Rauze. That the Hartop Snow arrived there the 25th. and all the Stores being landed, turn'd out right, That the Cuddalore Sloop having lost her Passage to the Negrais, put in there for Water and Provisions and sailed again the 29th. December having been supplied with sundries as ℔ Account enclosed That they have had better Success in the Investment than they expected; and hope two hundred Bales ready by the 20th. Instant, when they propose dispatching them to us & hope the Goodness will recommend them more than the Quantity.

From Negrais.

N. 11, From Mr. Henry Brooke at Negrais dated 1st. Instant, Acquainting Us that he wrote us fully by the Egmont the 26th. November and refers to that Letter. Enclosing sundry Papers as ℔ List of the Packet, and advising that he consigns us on the Arcot Snow 162 Teak Timbers and having another large Cargo ready desires that vessel may be returned to him by the Way of the Nicobars to get a Cargo of Coco Nutts to be planted on the Negrais, Requesting that his Indents by the Colchester and Porto Bello may be complied with, and that a few Topasses may be sent, That they are laying the Foundation for a Brick House on the North West Point of the Island to command the Entrance of the Harbour.

Fort St. David to be wrote to.

A New Head to be opened for the King's Forces.

The Allowance to Coll. Adlercron's Regiment to commence 1st. Septr.

Houses and Barracks at Manjecopang to be repaired for the Officers.

An Enclosure and Lodge at Porto Novo to be built.

Agreed that the Gentlemen at Fort St. David be directed to open a Head in their Books of His Majesty's Land Forces, for all Disbursements on that Account, and acquainted that the allowance to Colonel Adlercron's Regiment is to commence from the 1st. September last, That the Barracks and most commodious Houses in and about Mangecopang must be fitted up for the Reception of the Kings Officers, and that in regard to the Factory at Porto Novo an Enclosure must be made with the Materials saved out of the Ruins of the old House and a Slight Lodge built for a Peon just to keep up the Company's Pretensions.

Arcot Snow to be sent to St. David with the Negrais Timber & Stores & return with Bales.

Agreed that the Arcot Snow be ordered to St. David to land the Timbers brought in her from the Negrais, That the Arms indented for, and such other Stores as that vessel can take in, be sent on her, and that the Gentlemen there be directed to return her to us with their Bales.

Sir Jas. Foulis desires to return to Bombay on the St. George.

Letter from Sir James Foulis Bart. read as entered hereafter, desiring Leave to return to his Post at Bombay, as the Publication of the Truce may probably render his longer stay here unnecessary and that he may have a Passage on the St. George.

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Sir James Foulis having shewn great Readiness to promote the service, and as his Expences in his Passage hither, and those in his Return have and must be considerable, Agreed that he be presented with Five hundred Pagodas to defray them, That the same be charged by the Commissary to the Account of Mahomed Ally Cawn, And that a Letter be wrote to Sir James Foulis by the Secretary to Return him the Thanks of the Board for the Readiness he has shewn to exert himself in the Company's service, and to acquaint him that the Cessation of Hostilities on this Coast having for the present put an End to Military Operations, The Board readily acquiesce in his Request to return to his Station at Bombay.

Granted—A Letter of Thanks to be wrote him and 500 Pags. presented him for his Expences.

The Secretary lays before the Board a Letter to him from the Register of the Mayor's Court, as enter'd hereafter, signifying that Mr. Andrew Ross late Clerk of the Market having paid into Court the sum of twenty seven Pagodas thirty five fanams and thirty Cash (27–35–30) which is in Readiness to be paid into the Company's Cash.

Fines and Forfeitures paid in from the Mayors Court.

Order'd that it be received accordingly and carried to the head of Fines and Forfeitures.

Letter from the Register of the Mayors Court accompanying a Copy of one to the Court of Directors, both which are ordered to be enter'd hereafter.

Letter from the Mayrs. Court and one from them to the Court of Directors read.

Order'd that the Company's Broad Cloth be put up to sale on Wednesday the 12th Day of February next and that the usual Notice thereof be affixed at the Gates.

Broad cloth to be put up at Outcry on the 12th. of next month.

The President acquaints the Board that agreeable to Resolution of Consultation the 6th. Instant, he had discoursed with Messrs. Lopez and De-Castro about the Purchase of their House in Charles Street, and that they consented to dispose of the same for six thousand Pagodas, but not less, which the Board are of Opinion is a very moderate Price considering that there are very large and commodious Godowns belonging to it some of which have for a considerable Time past been rented for the Company's Use at the Rate of Pags. 20. –. – ℔ Month, and if the whole (which are much wanted for the Company's Goods) were to be let, they would produce at least Pags. 30 ℔ Month.

Lopez & De Castro's House in Charles street to be purchased for 6,000 Pagodas.

Agreed that the said House be purchased of Messrs. Lopez and De Castro at the Price abovementioned and that the Godowns have for Time immemorial been in and that the Godowns in the Front of it be rased to make an Area, and as those Godowns have for Time immemorial been in the Occupation of Tellesinga Chitty and his Family as Company's Merchants tho' not actually their Property, it is Agreed that a proper spot to build on be assign'd them hereafter of the Ground that now lies waste and is added to the White Town by the New works.

Godowns in the Front to be rased.

The President also acquaints the Board that Messrs. Lopez & De Castro, in case of the sale of their House are desirous of renting the Confiscated House at the Corner of Charles Street, Agreed that it be let to them at the rate of Twelve Pagodas ℔ Month.

Confiscated House in Charles Street to be let to Lopez and De Castro.

The Presidents reads the Cash Account for last Month Ballance remaining compared with the Chest, Fourteen thousand and eighty two Current Pagodas, Eleven fanams & seventy three Cash (14082–11–73) and Five hundred and six Madrass Pagodas twenty one fanams and thirty five Cash (M. Ps. 506–21–35) which is carried forward.

Cash Accot. read.

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Treasury Accott.

The Treasury Accounts are also read the several Ballances whereof having been compared & found right are Silver Forty Chests & one quarter containing Eleven thousand seven hundred & Eight Pounds four ounces & ten penny weights (11708–4–10) Arcot Rupees Five hundred & thirty thousand, five hundred & forty one two anaes & nine Pies (530541–2–9) Madras Rupees, Three thousand two hundred & thirty five (3235) Current Pagodas one hundred & seventy six Thousand Eight hundred & sixty two, one fanam & seventy Cash (176862–1–70) Madrass Pagodas six hundred & seventeen (617) which are carried forward.

Money paid in from the Treasury.

Henry Powney Import Wareh°.kr. pays in Five thousand (5000) Pagodas from the Treasury.

Rents paid in of the Beetle and Tobacco Farm and Arrack & Wine Licenses.

Pitloor Vencata Kistnah & Permal Kellavah Chittee pay in the following Rents Vizt.

For one month's Rent of the Beetle & Tobacco Farm due the 1st. Ult°. six hundred & sixty six Pagodas twenty four fanams (666–24).

For one Month's Rent of the Arrack & Wine License due the 1st. Ult°. three hundred & thirty three Pags. twelve fanams (333–12).

Advance to Gundaveddy Venkata-Ramah &ca. Merchants.

Agreed that Five thousand (5000) Pags. be advanced to Gundaveddy Vencata Rama & Nella Chitty on Account the Investment.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHAS: BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR: WYNCH.
WILLM: PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS: BOURCHIER.

To The Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS.

In obedience to your Letter of the 5th. of October, I remained here to be ready to obey Your Orders in Case there had been any occasion for my Service, but as there is probably no Necessity for my longer stay on this Coast since the Publication of the Truce, I propose, with your Permission to return to my proper Post at Bombay, I therefore take the Freedom to beg of your Honour &ca. to order me a Passage on the Ship St. George.

I am with Respect,

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedt. humble servant,

JAMES FOULIS.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
the 14th. Janry. 1755.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1755* ——

To Mr. Josias Duprē Secretary.

Sir

Mr. Andrew Ross having this day paid into the Honble the Mayor's Court the Sum of Pagodas Twenty seven thirty five fanams and thirty Cash (27–35–30) being on Account of Fines levyed by him during his Employ as Clerk of the Market, I am in consequence thereof directed to acquaint you that the abovementioned sum is ready to be paid into the Honble Company's Cash whenever the President and Council shall think proper to receive the same.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant,

Daniel Morse,
Register.

Fort St. George,
Janry. 7th. 1755.

Fort St. George, December 1754.

Dr.	The Honble United Company's Cash.					Contra.					Cr.
1.	To Ballance brought from last Month ...	Pags.	19805	3	19	1. By John Smith Paymaster advanced him for Disbursements in that Employ ...	Pags.	4000	—	—	
,,	To Henry Powney Impo. Wareho.kr. received of him for Rupees sold ...		5405	14	48	,, By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him to pay the Military ...		8000	—	—	
3.	To Do. received of him from the Treasury on Account Gold from Europe ...		12000	—	—	,, By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad		5405	14	48	
,,	To Nabob Mahomed Ally Cawn received of the Commissary on Account of what due from Sanawascherry Collector of the Tripoty Revenues for the September Kist 1754		12324	11	54	3. By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad		6324	11	54	
,,	To Antonia Carvalho de Medeiros recd of her, for which the President and Council have this day executed a Bond in her favour payable on Demand with Interest at 8 ℔ Cent ℔ annum		20000	—	—	,, By Claud Russell Accomptant General of the Mayors Court paid his Draft in favour of Sorroff Linga Chittee Account the Estate of Ralph Taylor as ℔ Consultation the 25th. Ultimo		248	27	24	
16.	To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd. of him on his running Account		1000	—	—	,, By the Mayors Court advanced for the necessary Disbursements of that Corporation		300	—	—	
,,	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah & Permal Kellavah Chitty Beetle & Tobacco Farmers recd. of them for one Month's Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ultimo.		666	24	—	,, By Servanah Chitty, Linga Chitty, Tellasinga Chitty & Gundaveddy Vencaty Ramah Chitty, advanced them for the Provision of Fine Goods		30000	—	—	
,,	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah & Permal Kellavah Chitty Farmers of the Arrack & Wine License recd. of them for one Month's Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ultimo		333	12	—	20. By Tonnapah Condapah &ca. Painters advanced them for Paintings		10000	—	—	
,,	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah & Permaul Kellavah Chitty Farmers of the measuring Duty recd. of them for two Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ultimo.		166	24	—	,, By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad		6000	—	—	
20.	To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd. of him on his running Account		2000	—	—	,, By Robert Orme Export Wareho.kr. advanced him for Disbursements in that Employ		500	—	—	
,,	To Henry Powney Impot. Wareho. kr. recd. of him from the Treasury on Account Gold from Europe		6000	—	—	31 By Robt. Orme Commissary advanced him to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad		10000	—	—	
	Carried over		79,701	17	41	,, By Robert Orme Export Warehokr. advanced him for Disbursements in that Employ		500	—	—	
						Carried over ...		81,278	17	46	

	Brought forward ...	79,701	17	41		Brought forward ...	81,278	17	46
31	To Charles Boddam late Export Wareho. kr. recd. of him the Ballance of that Account for last Month	74	8	75	31	By Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that Employ	600	—	—
,,	To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd. of him on his running Account	6100	—	—	,,	By Ballance carried to next Month ...	14082	11	73
,,	To William Perceval Land Customer recd. of him the Ballance of that Account for last Month	85	3	3					
,,	To Henry Powney Impo. Warehokr. received of him from the Treasury on Account Gold from Europe	10000	—	—					
	Currt. Pagodas ...	95960	29	39		Current Pagodas ...	95960	29	39

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MADRASS RUPEES.

	Dr.				Contra.	Cr.		
To Ballance brought from last month ...	506	21	35	31.	To Ballance carried to next Month ...	506	21	35

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

GEORGE PIGOT.

FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1754.

TREASURY ACCOUNTS

SILVER.

		Dr.				Contra.	Cr.		
		lbs.	oz.	dwts.			lbs.	oz.	dwts.
Decem. 1st.	To Ballance brought from last Month. 40¼ Chests ... ... Pags.	11708	4	10	Decr. 31.	By Ballance carried to next Month. 40¼ Chests ... ... Pags.	11708	4	10

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.

ARCOT RUPEES.

			Dr.					Cr.			
Decr.						Decr.					
1.	To Ballance brought from last Month	... Rups.	750530	6	9	1.	By Import Warehousekeeper delivered for sale	Rups.	20000	—	—
3.	To George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master	...	10	12	—	28.	By Fort St. David sent thither ℔ Ship Tyger		200,000	—	—
						31.	By Ballance		530541	2	9
		Rups. ...	750541	2	9			Rups. ...	750541	2	9

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

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GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.

MADRASS PAGODAS.

			Dr.					Cr.			
Decr.						Decr.					
1.	To Ballance brought from last Month	... Rups.	3235	—	—	31.	By Ballance	Rups.	3235	—	—

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

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GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.

Current Pagodas.

Decr.	Dr.				Decr.	Cr.			
1.	To Ballance brought from last month....	Pags.	216861	— 60	3.	By the Honble Company's Cash ...	Pags.	12000	— —
3.	To George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master ...		2001	1 10	20.	By Do.		6000	— —
27.	To Import Warehousekeeper received of him		11000	— —	28.	By Fort St. David ℔ Ship Tyger ...		25000	— —
					31.	By the Honble Company's Cash ...		10000	— —
						By Ballance		176862	1 70
		Pags. ...	229862	1 70			Pags. ...	229862	1 70

Errors Excepted.

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George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.

Madrass Pagodas.

Decr.	Dr.				Decr.	Cr.			
3.	To George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master ...		617	— —	31.	By Ballance		617	— —

Errors Excepted.

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George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1755* ——

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esq^R^.
President & Governour &c^A^. Council
of Fort S^T^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am ordered by the Honble the Mayors Court to send you the inclosed copy of their letter to the Honble the Court of Directors. I am

With Respect,

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your most Obed^t^. Humble Serv^t^.

Fort S^T^. George,
11^TH^. January 1755.

Daniel Morse,
Register.

To the Honble Court of Directors
for Affairs of the Honourable
United Company of Merchants
of England Trading to the
East Indies.

Honourable

We received a Letter by Order of Your President & Council bearing Date the 28^th^. day of January 1754 Enclosing Paragraph of your General Letter to them date January the 24^th^. 1753, In which You desire that We would transmitt to you particular Accounts of the several Proceedings in our Jurisdiction pointing out to you any further Alterations, Power and Authorities that may be necessary, or wherein the Present should be varied.

We addressed your President & Council by Letter bearing Date the Day of February 1754. Copy of which is inserted in our Book of Letters sent, for the last Year.

In that Letter you will find Reasons [were] given for the altering that Part of the Charter which excludes the Indian Natives from commencing any suits against [Each]other in this Court, and further Experience has now furnished [us]with stronger Proofs that their not having it in their Power [to] apply for Redress, when any Disputes happen amongst th[em] touching Civil suits, is only an Inconvenience to the[m] but to every European Merchant in these Settlements, as well as a Prejudice to the Interest of the East India Company in particular and there is undoubted Reason to beleive that the Remedy pointed out by the Charter, To Wit, " That all Suits and Actions shall be determined among themselves." As it is a Remedy attended with very great Expence, and perhaps with unbounded Frauds, is by no means agreeable to them and it seems to be the Earnest Desire of Men of the best Characters among them to be put upon the same footing with Regard to the application to Justice, in civil Matters as they were formerly should it be thought proper to have this Part of the Royal Charter altered, we must intreat you will be as explicit as possible both in your Orders & Instructions whether our Authority is to extend with equal Force & Efficacy in such new Possessions as are already or may be hereafter added to the Honble Company's former Jurisdictions as it is now in this, and the other Factory's subject or subordinate thereto, or to the Governour or President & Council of Fort S^t^. George.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1755* ——

The Case of insolvent Debtors in these Parts, who are ready to give a true & Just Account of their Estates and whose principal Creditors are willing to accept of such Accounts, deserves particular Consideration. In England, Statutes of Bankruptcy in such cases may be taken out, which relieves them from further Molestation on Account of their Debts, But as this is at present impracticable here, We therefore think some Relief of that kind would be very useful to the Trade of these Settlements.

We have Reason to beleive that the manner in which Commission has been charged by many Executors in these Settlements may be liable to Exception, and although we do not imagine it would be expedient to make any Enquiry into what has passed under the former Courts upon this Head Yet We are desirous that a Matter of such universal Concernment to the Publick should be put upon as certain and clear a footing as Circumstances can admitt of. Be pleased, therefore, that it may be taken into Consideration, and that we may receive your Opinion upon it in as particular and distinct a Manner as possible to serve us as our future Guidance, But we desire that particular Notice may be taken that Europeans dying in these Settlements, are almost in every Respect differently circumstanced from those Who die in England not having their Relations, and often but few of their Friends near them, who will take the Trouble to perform the Office of an Executor, and therefore many Reasons may be urged for allowing a reasonable Commission either upon the sales of the Effects, the Receipt of Money or on the net Estate &c^{a}. If a Testator should leave a Legacy to his Executor as a sufficient Recompense for his Trouble, it may not be reasonable to allow any Commission, but if no such Legacy is left, it may often, if not always, be found necessary to allow a Commission because otherwise the Executor may refuse to act, and this may prove of material Prejudice to the Estate since it must be supposed that the Person appointed by the Testator to be the Executor, is looked upon as the most Capable Person to discharge that Trust and if it should be said that a Testator has it always in his Power to consider the leaving a Legacy in making his will, Let it be considered that perhaps the greatest Part of Testators may be unacquainted with this Matter, and likewise that others may forget it, in an act which many are found to put off to near their last Moments, We therefore think this Matter may be put upon such a Footing as to hinder Executors from taking an Advantage of the uncertainty upon which this Affair does at present stand.

Since Commission is the only Reward which Administrators have for their Trouble, We apprehend that no Doubt can be made of their Right to the same, and more especially in the East Indies. But that this matter may likewise be sufficiently understood We should be glad to have your opinion in what manner this Commission is to be charged. Thus much only We Suggest upon it, That from the frequent Experience of the Difficulty that is found in prevailing upon proper Persons to accept of Administrations, there will be a Necessity to give Encouragement to honest & Capable Men, receive those Trusts rather than to lessen any Emolument which they may expect as a Compensation for what does often prove very troublesome to them.

By referring to the Rules of Practice framed by the former Mayor's Court you will find that on the 20th. Nov^{r}. 1744, An Order passed, " That no Suit, Action, Bill, or Plaint should be commenced or received in that Court after the 20th. November 1746 unless the same was prosecuted within ten Years from & after Cause of such Suit or Action had arisen or should arise except as is therein excepted)" But the Loss of this Place did not only prevent this Order being put in force, but likewise has deprived us of an Opportunity of knowing whether the then Honble Court of Directors did approve of the same or not. Althō We join in Opinion with the former Mayor's Court that this Rule was

well calculated for the Benefit of these Settlements, and so well adapted to the Temper and Constitution of the Natives in particular, that if they should be admitted to apply to this Court, in the same Manner as to the former, it may be extremely necessary and proper for this Court to adopt that Rule as soon as the Causes of Actions which have arisen before the Loss of Madrass and during the Time that there was no Court, are determined, always having a strict Regard that such Causes of Action shall not exceed the Time limitted by the Statutes, But under the present Circumstances we are of opinion that in many Cases there will be a Necessity to receive Suits, Actions &c^{a}. as well upon Specialties as simple Contracts, not only of an older Date than the Time limitted by the abovementioned Rule, but even further back than what is prescribed by the Statues of Limitations, Because by the Loss of Madrass no Person had an Opportunity to apply to Justice during the space of seven years, and if it should be determined that the Natives shall enjoy the same Privildedges in applying to Justice, as they did formerly the Time with Regard to them is already above Eight Years, and is daily encreasing, We cannot therefore at present but look upon those seven Years (occasioned by the Loss of this Place) as a Chasm in the Administration of Justice with Regard to all such Matters as are cognizable by this Court, for otherwise it must happen that in many Cases We cannot avoid acting in express Contradiction to Statute 21st. Jac : 1 Cap. 16 Sec. 3^{d}. which limits Actions of Account, and upon the Case, and all Actions of Debt grounded upon any lending, or Contract without Speciality, and all Actions of Debt for Arrearages of Rent &c^{a}. to six Years, likewise some actions to four years, and others to two years. And for that Reason it is, that We think it proper to receive Suits, Actions, &c^{a}. beyond the Statutes of Limitations, and therefore in reckoning the time from which the Cause of Suits and Actions take their Rise to bring it conformable to the Statutes of Limitations, It is our Resolution to omitt those seven Years, as if no such space had happened, and we cannot but think that the time which the Natives have been already excluded from the Court, as well as whatever further time they may hereafter be excluded should likewise be annihilated, with Regard to them as well as the seven Years abovementioned.

Having consider'd the Advantages that will accrue to this Place, by hearing Petty Causes, not exceeding the value of Twenty Pagodas nor less than five, in a summary Way, We do therefore intend to adopt a Rule of Practice made for Petty Causes by the former Mayor's Court the 5th. day of June 1733, and propose to put the same into Execution, as soon as conveniently may be.

Finding it frequently necessary in the Course of our Proceedings to have a particular Information of the Laws of England in many cases that come before us, We did in consequence thereof apply to your President & Council for such Law Books as were sent out as well appear by our Letter to them dated 10th. December last : They thereupon sent us Cay's Abridgement of the Statutes, Hawkins's Pleas of the Crown, Barlow's Justice, Blackerby's Justice, Office of the Clerk of the Peace, which they have Duplicates of, and at the same time acquainted Us that they had Woods Institutes, Horseman's Conveyancing, Woods Conveyancing, Jacob's Law Dictionary, Molley de Jure Maritimo, Domals Civil Law and Wood's Civil Law, but as they had no Duplicates of them they were not sent We therefore think it necessary to desire you will send us these last mentioned Books together with such others as you may think necessary for the Benefit of this Court, and we likewise request that you will send us such Acts of Parliament as relating to any matters cognizable by this Court and which have passed since the Publication of the above Books which we already have or which you may hereafter send, and that you will be pleased to transmitt from Time to Time whatever new Acts of Parliament may pass in future, that are to extend to the Jurisdiction of these Settlements.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1755* ——

Inclosed you will receive a List of our Packet together with copies of such Rules & Orders as have been made by this Court since its Re-Establishment.

We are

HONOURABLE

FORT ST. GEORGE — Your most Obed^{t}. Humble Servants.

JANUARY 7TH. 1755. — Sign'd by Order of the Mayor's Court

DANIEL MORSE,
Regr.

Sent by Tappies General Letters to Fort St. David & DeveCotah dated this day. — 16

Arrived his Majesty's Ship Kent, Admiral Watson & Captain Henry Speke from Bombay last from Fort St. David with a General Letter from the President and Council of Bombay dated the 14th. Ultimo. — 17

Sailed Sloop London Henry Kerr, for Fort St. David. — —

Arrived Brigantine Hydrabux, Hadjee Sauduc; Naquodah from Pegue. — 18th.

Received Via Negapatam General Letter from Batavia dated the 30th. September 1754. — —

Arrived, Snow Fortune, John Inglis, from Bandarmalanka. — 20

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVR. PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.	CHAS. BODDAM.	MONDAY THE 20TH.
HENRY POWNEY.	ROBERT ORME.	
ALEXR. WYNCH.	WILLIAM PERCEVAL.	
JOHN SMITH.	CHARLES BOURCHIER.	

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of the two last Consultations dated the 14th. & 15th. Instant read & signed. — **Hospital reported.**

Mr. Chas. Boddam reports that he had visited the Hospital and found no just cause of Complaint. — **General Letters read.**

General Letters read, Vizt.

N. 13 From the President & Council of Bombay dated 14th. December acknowledging the Receipt of our Letters of the 19th. Septr. 18th. & 24th. October and acquainting us that his Majesty's Ships Kent and Salisbury having been careened, they take that Opportunity of forwarding to us the Remainder of the Acts of Parliament sent them from England for us, That they are extremely glad We have not sent them any Woollen Goods on the Warren as they have not been able to sell a single Bale of what received this season That they are advised from Tellicherry of the Warren's being arrived at Anjengo and that the Shaftesbury from Europe was at Point de Galle. That they dispatched the Prince Edward with a full Loading of Pepper and Bales of the Surat Investment for England, & the Sandwich sailed in Company with her That the Warwick at the same time proceeded to fill up at Tellicherry. That they have discharged our Bill on them for Bombay Rupees 53406–3–44. — **From Bombay.**

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1755* ——

From Batavia.

N. 14 From the Governour and Council of Batavia dated 30th. Septr., acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 27tn. of May and 15th. October 1753, 16th. March and 12th. of April last and Enclosing an Extract of an Agreement made in the year 1693 between their Agents and the People of Natal who thereby put themselves under the Protection of the Dutch Company and the King of Mananeabou[1] & acknowledge the Sultan of Baroos[2] for their lawful Lord, and further granted an exclusive Trade to the Dutch, all which they hope will be sufficient Proof of their Right to Natal. That they are concerned at the Melancholy Accident which happened to some of the Griffins Crew, and that three of the Criminals have received the just Reward of their actions whose sentences they enclose; That Captains Burman & Mainwaring were permitted to supply themselves with Timber, and repair their Ships That the Ship Travencore fitted out for the Spanish Islands contrary to the Treaty of Munster having put back to Malacca had the same Priviledge as all other Ships of paying six ℔ cent for the Goods sold and one ℔ Cent for those unsold, however as we demand Restitution of the 1 ℔ Cent for the Goods unsold in a manner to perswade them of our good Intentions to redress the Grievances on their side they have given Orders to Malacca to repay the same to whosoever we shall appoint to receive it.

The Dutch Claim of Natal referred to the Company. The Govr. & Council of Batavia to be advised thereof.

Agreed that the Dutch Claim of Natal be referr'd to the Company's Decision, and that by the Next Opportunity a General Letter be wrote to the Governour and Council of Batavia acquainting them that We shall transmitt to our Honble Masters as full a State of that Affair as the Authorities produced on either side can enable us, and leave the rest to their Determination.

The Dutch at Negapatam offer to receive Money into Cash for Bills on Amsterdam at S. 4. 10 ℔ Pagoda.

The President lays before the Board a Letter from the Governour of Negapatam to Mr. Saunders the late President acquainting him that having received, Orders from Batavia to receive Money into the Company's Cash of whomsoever may tender the same, and to grant Bills for the value upon the Chamber at Amsterdam, They would therefore receive of him whatever Moneys he might be inclined to pay in at S. 4–10. ℔ Pagoda.

To be answer'd that we will also receive Money at S. 7/8d. for Bills on our Company.

The President is desired to return for Answer that We also are ready to receive any Moneys into the Company's Cash herefor Bills on the Court of Directors at the Exchange of Seven Shillings & Eight Pence ℔ Pagoda.

Five Month's Pension to the Killedar of Poonemalee's Widow to be paid.

A Pension of one thousand Pagodas ℔ annum having been settled on the Widow and Brother of the late Killedar of Poonemalee payable out of the Jagueer annexed to the Killee, and Five months of the said Pension being due the 1st. Instant, Order'd that it be paid accordingly and that in future it be paid every six Months.

A Commission to be made out to Captn. Timothy Bridge as Town Major.

For the better regulating the Military in this Garrison and issuing the Orders relating to the same, it is agreed that a proper Person be appointed to act as Town Major, and Captain Timothy Bridge being recommended as an Officer well qualified for that Post.

Order'd that a Commission be made out to him as Town Major accordingly.

(1) Mananeabou [Manangpsbau]—the name of an island country of Sumatra on the western side of the Island and on the equator.

(2) Baroos—[Barus]—the name of a place on the West Coast of Sumatra.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1755* ——

The Storekeeper lays before the Board an Account of Wages due to the Crew of the Arcot Snow from the 30th. of April last to the 31st. Instant amounting to Three thousand three hundred and thirty Nine (3339) Rupees Also an Account of Captain Bonds Disbursements on account of the said Snow amounting to seventy nine (79) Rupees and requests an Advance to discharge the same. **Accot. Wages due to the Arcot Snow and Disbursements to be paid.**

Agreed that three thousand five hundred Rupees be advanced him accordingly amounting to Nine hundred and forty five Pagodas[1] thirty four fanams and four Cash (945–34–4). **Advance to the Storekeeper for that purpose.**

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in one thousand Pagodas (1000) on his Running Account. **Sea Customer pays in on that Account.**

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in three thousand six hundred and forty eight Pagodas twenty three fanams and twenty eight Cash (3648–23–28) for Rupees sold. **Money paid in for Rups. sold.**

Agreed that two thousand seven hundred and two Pagodas, twenty five fanams and twenty four Cash (2702–25–24) be advanced the Commissary to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad. **Advance to the Commissary.**

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AB: WYNCH.
WILLM: PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS: BOURCHIER.

Sent by Pattamars General Letters to Bombay, Tellicherry, Anjengo, Vizagapatam, Ingeram and Madapollam, all dated this Day. 22

Sailed Ship Sta. Cecilia, Robert Baillie for Fort St. David and Africa. 24

Do. The Honble Company's Snow Arcot, Joseph Bond for Fort St. David with General Letter dated this day. —

Received by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 21st. Instant and one from DeveCotah dated 20th. Instant. 24

Arrived his Majesty's Ship Tyger Captn. John Latham from Fort St. David. 25

Sailed Sloop Orange Tree Willm. Dougan for Fort St. David and the Malabar Coast. —

Sailed Snow David formerly Sta. Rheta William Palairet for the Nicobars and Pegue. —

Sailed Snow Charles, Cuthbert Thornhill for Vizagapatam and Bengal. —

Sailed Ketch Betsey John Griffin for Nagore. 27

Received by Peons Genl. Letter from Bandarmalanka dated the 10th. Instant. —

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(1) Pagöda = a coin long current in South India—both silver and gold but generally gold. Accounts at Madras town to 1818 were kept in pagodas, fanams and cash; 80 cash=1 fanam, 42 fanams=1 pagoda. In 1818 the rupee was made the standard coin. The pagoda was then reckoned as equivalent to 3½ rupees (Hobson—Jobson).

— *FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1755* —

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR: GOVR: PRESIDENT.

MONDAY THE 27TH.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.	CHAS: BOURCHIER.
HENRY POWNEY.	WILLM: PERCEVAL.
ALEXR: WYNCH.	ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.	CHAS: BODDAM.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 20th. Instant read and signed.

Hospital reported.

Mr. Henry Powney reports that he had visited the Hospital and found no just Cause of Complaint.

General Letters read Vizt.

General Letters read from Fort St. David.

N. 15, From the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort St. David dated the 21st. Instant, acknowledging the Receipt of our Letters of the 16th. & 18th. Instant, wishing Success to the new President, and acquainting us that their Warehousekeeper had represented to them the Necessity of selling a quantity of damaged and torn Cloth Wrappers &ca. and that their Remains of Saltpetre and Redwood may be forwarded hither. That the Monthly Charge of Oyl, Water, Pots, Pans &ca. for his Majesty's Land Forces amounts to near 300 Pagodas which Colonel Adlercron expects to have continued, besides, the fixed Allowance made to the Regiment, and the Officers are daily making Demands for Tables, Shelves &ca. on all which They desire our Directions. That twelve Bales of Cloth having been delivered some years ago to Tonneveroy Pillah and Andeapah Moodeley to dye Blue, they have always evaded the Delivery of the same under Pretence that they had not settled their Accounts, and being now pressed they have delivered their respective Petitions, and Tonneveroy sets forth in his that he was dismissed from his ¼ share of the Contract with Andeapah by Mr. Floyer &ca. Council, and as the Consultations of that Time are here, they desire our Directions and offer it as their opinion that Tonneveroy is a very unfitt Person to be concerned in the Company's Investment. Enclosing an Account of the Loss sustained by the Blowing up of the Magazine on Christmass Day and an Account of Timber & Plank carried away by the Freshes & Lost which they desire Leave to write off to Profit & Loss.

Deve Cotah.

N. 16 From Mr. Charles Hopkins Chief of DeveCotah dated 20th. Instant serving only to accompany his Monthly Accounts for December.

Madapollam.

N. 17th. From Mr. John Andrews at Madapollam dated the 10th. Instant serving to enclose the Accounts of that Settlement for last Month, Also an Indent for Stores for the Current year.

Fort St. David to be wrote to in regard to their torn & Damaged Cloth.

Salt Petre & Redwood.

Charges of oil &ca. for the Kings Land Forces to be adjusted with the Colonel who is to pay or give his Bills.

Agreed that the Gentlemen at Fort St. David be wrote to, in answer to their foregoing Letter, That the damaged & torn Cloth, Wrappers &ca. should be surveyed & reported by a Committee of their Board, That they must direct it to be done, and if they all appear to be in the condition represented, They may be sold at publick Outcry but if any of the torn Cloth can be made use of for Wrappers it must be reserved for their Bales. That their Remains of Salt Petre and Redwood may be sent up hither by the Arcot Snow and the Country Boat Vengadasha Permal. That in regard to the monthly charge of Oyl, Water &ca. for Colonel Adlercron's Regiment, We do not think Ourselves authorised to put the Company to any Expence on that Account as they expressly direct in the 10th. 11th. & 12th. Paragraphs of the Letter dated 2d. March that all accounts relating to Stores & Necessaries supplied the Squadron or Land Forces be regularly adjusted and Bills taken for the amount on the proper Officers in England, and that as we are informed a sufficient sum

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of money was Sent out with the Regiment to answer all Contingencies, and these charges are such we do not apprehend Colonel Adlercron will make any Difficulties on this head, That Storehouses and Magazines for the Train and Stores are to be provided at the Company's Expence as they direct in the 18th. & 19th. Paragraph of their said Letter. That in regard to Tonneveroy Pillah and Andeapah We find nothing in the Fort St. David Consultations relating to their Disputes which have too long been made a Pretence for not lessening their Ballance and as it is too considerable to admit of Trifling, We would have them sent up hither directly with all their Accounts if it can be done without Prejudice to the Investment otherwise We would have it deferr'd till after the Europe Dispatch, That they may write off the loss by the blowing up of the Magazine and the Timber washed away by the Floods, That application, being made to us for some satisfaction for the Houses which were formerly appropriated to the Company's use for the Mint at Cuddalore we would have them enquire & inform us what Houses were so appropriated and whether any of them remain yet to be restored to the Owners.

Storehouses for the King's stores to be provided at the Co's Expence.

Tonneveroy & Andeapah to be sent up hither with their Accounts.

Articles to be wrote off to Profit & Loss.

Houses used for the Mint at Cuddalore whether restored to the Owners.

Agreed that the Indent for Stores from Madapollam be complied with as Opportunities offer.

Madapollam Indent to be complied with.

The St. George being bound to Tellicherry and the Supra Cargo (the Ship being freighted of the Company) offering to give Passage to Part of the Seapoys sent us from thence Agreed that the Gentlemen at Fort St. David be directed to send as many on board as the Supra Cargo will admitt and to supply them with Rice and Ghee sufficient for the Passage advising the Gentlemen at Tellicherry of the same.

Part of the Tellicherry seapoys to be returned to St. George.

St. David to be wrote to on that head.

Order'd that Captain John Brohier proceed to Fort St. David to survey the Fortifications and Buildings and return hither as soon as that Business is compleated.

Capt. Brohier to go to St. David to survey the Works &ca.

Letter from Captain John Brohier representing that in Consequence of the Company's Direction in the 51st. Paragraph of their Commands dated 24th. Janry. 1753 he had form'd a Plan for enlarging the Barracks on the Ground from the Northermost Pavillion of the present Barracks to Mr. Edward's House, the Buildings at present standing thereon being mostly rotten and decayed which space will admitt of Barracks sufficient to contain 250 Men with Rooms over them for twenty Officers whereby a considerable Expence will be saved in the Terrass of the Barracks and the Foundations for such Rooms should they be built in another Place, the whole charge whereof he computes at Eleven thousand nine hundred and twenty one Pagodas (11921) as by an Estimate annexed.

Plan & Estimate for enlarging the Barracks.

The Enlarging of the present Barracks being absolutely necessary the Board approve of Mr. Brohier's Plan not only as it is the most frugal but also as it will be much more convenient to have all the Barracks and the Officers Apartments in one Place than to have them seperate.

Approv'd & order'd to be begun.

Order'd that the intended Buildings agreeable to the said Plan be set about as soon as possible.

The President lays before the Board a Letter to him from Admiral Watson representing that he apprehended the providing of Magazines for the Stores &ca. belonging to the Squadron had been a Point settled between the Lords of Admiralty and the Company, and that the latter had engaged to provide them, He therefore requests that proper Orders may be given accordingly.

Admiral Watson desires Storehouses may be provided for his Majesty's Stores.

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Order'd to be complied with.

Agreed that in Consequence of the Company's Directions in the 18th. & 19th. Paragraphs of their Letter dated 2d. March to provide Magazines for his Majesty's Stores, such of the Godowns belonging to the House lately purchased for the Company of Messrs. Lopez and D'Castro in Charles Street, as may be necessary for that Purpose be appropriated to that Use.

State of the Mint Customs compared for the years 1753 & 1754.

The President lays before the Board (as enter'd hereafter) an Account of the Produce of the Mint Customs for the last year ending the 31st. Ultimo compared with those of the preceeding Year whereby there appears an Encrease in the last Year of one hundred and Eighty nine (189) Madrass Pagodas,[1] and one thousand three hundred and ninety two Current or Star Pagodas,[2] nine fanams and ten Cash (1392–9–10).

Sea & Land Customs 1754 compared with 1753.

The Sea & Land Customers deliver in (as entered hereafter) the State of those Revenues respectively collected by them for the last twelve Months ending the 31st. Ultimo, whereby there appears a Decrease in the Sea Customs of One thousand seven hundred and Eighty Pagodas Nine fanams and Twenty Cash (1780–9–20) occasioned chiefly by a Decrease in the Importation of Grain, And also a Decrease in the Land Customs of one thousand three hundred and eighty one Pagodas thirty three fanams and fifty two Cash (1381–33–52) occasioned chiefly by a Decrease in the Quantity provided for Manilha and Pegue.

The Sea and Land Customers also deliver in (as entered hereafter) the Accounts of the Town Conicoply's[3] Duty for the Year 1754 as severally collected by them at the Sea Gate & Choultry & pay in the net Ballances thereof Vizt.

	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
By the Sea Customer	497	—	25
By the Land Customer	59	30	1
Pagods. ...	556	30	26

Monthly Accots. read Mint.

George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master reads that Account for last Month, Ballance then due from the Mint one hundred & one (101) Madrass Pagodas which are now paid in, and due to the Mint two hundred and Eighty four Current Pagodas Nine fanams (284–9) which are now paid him.

Sea Customer.

Henry Powney Sea Customer reads that Account for last Month Ballance due from him Three thousand five hundred and Ninety three Pagodas twenty six fanams and forty nine Cash (3593–26–49) and pays in five hundred & ninety three Pagodas, twenty six fanams and forty nine Cash (593–26–49) which with three thousand Pagodas paid into Cash in the Course of this Month Compleats the said Ballance.

Import Wareho. keeper.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due from him Nine thousand six hundred & thirty Pagodas three fanams and five Cash (9630–3–5) which is carried forward.

Expo. Warehouse.

Robert Orme Export Warehousekeeper reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due from him four hundred and twenty Eight Pagodas sixteen fanams and thirty two Cash (428–16–32) which is carried forward.

Storekeeper.

Alexr. Wynch Storekeeper reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due from him one thousand three hundred and forty one Pagodas twenty five fanams and one Cash (1341–25–1) which is carried forward.

Land Customer.

William Perceval Land Customer reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due from him three hundred and three Pagodas twenty seven fanams and fifty four Cash (303–27–54) which he now pays in.

1 & 2 Madras Pagodas are ten per cent better than Star Pagodas. Forty two fanams make one Star Pagoda but 36 fanams make one Madras Pagoda.—Madras Alwanack—1805.

3 Literally—[Accountant—Man]—a native clerk or writer.

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John Smith Paymaster reads that Account for last Month. Paymaster.

Charges Garrison	Pags.	222	13	22
Hospital Charges		209	14	10
Peons & Servants Wages		515	11	4
Charges General		81	14	37
Charges Extraordinary		299	5	50
Repairs		693	19	—
Fortifications		187	20	—
Poonemalee &c[a]. Villages		20	34	40
S[t]. Thome &c[a]. Villages		21	25	40
Allowance of the Court of Request ...		23	11	—
Household Necessaries		78	20	—
Charges Cattle		66	24	—
Charges Diet		583	12	—
	Pags.	3003	8	43

Ballance due from him one thousand seven hundred & sixty seven Pagodas twenty one fanams & Eighteen Cash (1767–21–18) which is carried forward.

John Smith Military Paymaster reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due to him Two hundred and twenty three Pagodas sixteen fanams and forty three Cash (223–16–43) which is carried forward. Military Paymr.

Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due from him Three Pagodas twenty six fanams and Eleven Cash (3–26–11) which is carried forward. Mility Storekr.

The Accountant lays before the Board the Journal Parcels for the month of November. Journal Parcels.

The Engineer's Account of Expences in Fortifications and Repairs for the last Month is also laid before the Board. Engineer's Accot.

A Draught of the Accountant General of the Mayor's Court for Three hundred and Eighty two Pagodas (382) account the Salvage on Ship Arcot being presented to the Board. Account General's Draft Accot. of Salvage on Ship Arcot to be paid.

Order'd that the same be paid.

Henry Powney Import Warehousek[r]. pays in from the Treasury Eighteen thousand Eight hundred and ninety one Pagodas, thirty two fanams and Eleven Cash, (18891–32–11). Money paid in from the Treasury.

Agreed that the following Advances be made out of Cash Viz[t]. Advances out of Cash.

To Sunca Vencaty Ramah & Ambalatoddy Chitty Four thousand Pagodas (4000) on account of the Investment. To Sunca Vencata Ramah &c[a].

To the Commissary seven thousand six hundred and twenty one Pagodas twenty two fanams and thirty three Cash (7621–22–33) to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad. To the Commissary.

The Paymaster Three thousand Pagodas (3000) for Disbursements in that Employ. To the Paymaster.

To the Military Paymaster Five thousand two hundred & seventy Pagodas, nine fanams & Fifty Eight Cash (P[s]. 5270–9–58) for the Charges of that Employ. To the Mility. Paymr.

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To the Military Storekr.'

To the Military Storekeeper Eleven hundred (1100) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ.

The Extraordinary Expenses in the paymasters Account for last Month are enter'd hereafter.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHA^{S}. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^{R}: WYNCH.
WILL^{M}: PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{S}: BOURCHIER.

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DIFFERENCE of the SEA CUSTOMS between the year 1753 & 1754.

	Custom on Goods.						Custom on Grain.						Anchorage.					
	1753.			1754.			1753.			1754.			1753.			1754.		
	P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.												
January	690	29	56	601	6	72	528	27	52	542	28	8	9	—	—	6	—	—
February	2283	34	7	1967	19	—	1958	24	28	1310	14	8	69	—	—	73	—	—
March	3073	30	12	1256	5	28	546	26	68	1920	10	76	35	—	—	93	18	—
April	2784	9	—	2211	19	24	1061	14	8	1182	16	36	37	—	—	56	18	—
May	5329	30	13	3272	21	24	1987	14	40	533	25	48	73	18	—	56	—	—
June	2109	34	4	5044	25	76	1126	26	16	406	6	60	103	18	—	40	—	—
July	2058	5	60	1581	21	8	308	7	60	117	10	16	63	—	—	124	18	—
August	2267	1	40	2159	6	72	435	14	8	41	5	40	66	—	—	59	18	—
September	1266	35	13	1570	33	60	198	7	36	26	14	8	54	18	—	78	18	—
October	2726	24	—	4120	16	64	479	32	56	60	5	36	72	18	—	81	18	—
November	4747	25	39	6405	29	61	236	11	68		..			..		9	—	—
December	333	16	41	353	12	20	108	7	48	87	35	68	18	—	—	10	—	—
	29672	23	45	30545	2	29	8975	35	8	6218	29	4	583	18	—	688	—	—
Increase ..	872	14	64				Decrease			2757	6	4	104	18	—	Increase.		
	30545	2	29				..			8975	35	8	688	—	—	..		

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Decrease in Grain this Year is					2757	6	4
Increase on Goods	874	14	64				
Do. on Anchorage	104	18	—				
				976	32	64	
Total Decrease this Year Pagodas ..							1780 9 20

The Decrease of Pagodas 2757–6–4 in the Custom on Grain proceeds from a less quantity imported from the Northward & Bengal than in the foregoing Year and that which came from Bengal sold at so low a Price that no Custom was due on it as it had paid 8 ℔ Cent. at Bengal as ℔ the Zemedar's Certificates.

HENRY POWNEY,
Sea Customer.

ABSTRACT OF THE LAND CUSTOMS for the Years 1753 & 1754 compared with each other.

January	Pags.	805	19	18	429	30	8
February		908	22	17	534	34	10
March		727	30	63	425	—	49
April		765	2	20	931	9	8
May		745	28	47	712	24	28
June		849	5	18	521	21	69
July		964	16	—	568	27	26
August		700	25	70	586	8	62
September		395	33	47	582	14	13
October		382	4	37	595	2	77
November		164	26	11	85	3	3
December		248	23	31	303	27	54
	Pags.	7658	21	59	6276	24	7
	Decreased ...				1381	33	52
					7658	21	59

The Decrease in the Customs this year is occasioned by the small Quantity of Goods provided for Manilha & Pegue.

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AN ACCOUNT of the Town Conicoply's Duty Collected at the Sea Gate.

1754.

January	Pags.	25	10	75	
February		91	8	50	
March		57	2	50	
April		92	1	20	
May		88	9	50	
June		20	26	10	
July		39	27	40	
August		31	—	5	
September		34	8	60	
October		161	30	15	
November		5	9	60	
December		—	8	70	
		647	—	25	
Deduct the usual Allowance to the Town Conicoply Pags. 100					
To the Collector ... 50					
		150	—	—	
					497 — 25

HENRY POWNEY,
Sea Customer

Fort St. George, 27th January 1775.

Abstract of Mint Customs for the Years 1753 & 1754.

1753.		Mad. Pags.	Curt. Pags.	fa.	ca.
Janry.	Amounted to	...	6	1	5
March	Do.	10	—	6	40
	Do.	...	21	9	70
April	Do.	68	—	32	40
	Do.	...	19	18	70
May	Do.	229	1	30	5
	Do.	...	189	16	30
June	Do.	216	1	26	40
	Ditto	...	414	3	75
July	Ditto	19	—	8	40
	Ditto	...	350	10	5
Augt.	Ditto	11	—	14	30
Septr.	Ditto	8	—	31	55
	Ditto	...	1212	16	55
October	Ditto	142	—	1	20
	Ditto	...	93	20	55
Novr.	Ditto	73	—	4	10
	Ditto	...	72	23	45
Decr.	Ditto	8	—	3	40
	Ditto	...	14	14	60
		784	1309	6	70
	Increased this year	189	1392	9	70

1754.		Mad. Pags.	Curt. Pags.	fa.	ca.
Janry.	Amounted to	24	—	31	—
			45	14	—
Febry.	Ditto	74	—	21	—
March	Ditto	49	—	2	—
April	Ditto	29	—	25	45
May	Ditto	65	—	1	65
	Ditto	...	37	27	—
June	Ditto	180	—	8	—
	Ditto	...	221	18	45
July	Ditto	6	—	18	—
	Ditto	...	658	3	65
August	Ditto	96	—	15	70
	Ditto	...	248	2	20
Septr.	Ditto	21	—	9	—
Octr.	Ditto	290	—	28	50
	Ditto	...	976	21	40
Novr.	Ditto	36	—	15	70
	Ditto	...	485	—	30
Decr.	Ditto	103	—	2	30
	Ditto	...	23	35	50
	Mads. Pags.	973	2701	16	—

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An Account of Duties collected by the Town Conicoply on Goods Cleared by the Land Customer Anno 1754.

January	15	Pags.	— 24 65		
	25th.		— 25 77		
	31		3 — 70		
				4 15 52	
February	12th.		— 10 14		
	23d.		1 35 11		
	28		— 26 24		
				2 35 79	
March	12		1 32 49		
	22d.		2 32 10		
	30th.		1 24 12		
				6 16 71	
April	6		1 21 59		
	12		— 18 45		
	20		3 22 75		
	25		1 10 45		
	30		— 15 15		
				7 16 79	
May	10		— 28 12		
	15		— 13 43		
	22		— 8 6		
	31		3 — 78		
				4 14 59	
June	11th.		2 4 45		
	21st.		1 20 7		
	29		3 31 20		
				7 19 72	
			1 21 77		
July	19		— 18 35		
	31		2 23 17		
				4 27 49	
August	10		4 8 40		
	20		2 10 46		
	31		— 23 60		
				7 6 66	
September	10		1 29 45		
	20th.		1 13 19		
	30		1 32 67		
				5 3 51	

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October	8	—	10	57	
	23	1	35	10	
	31	—	9	78	
					2 19 65
November	25	1	—	60	
	30	—	29	69	
					1 30 49
December	17	3	33	61	
	31	1	3	48	
					5 1 29
		Pagodas ...			59 30 1

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCES in the Pay Master's Accounts are in the following Particulars December 31st. 1754.

PEONS & SERVANTS WAGES	Pags.	12 35	44
CHARGES GENERAL		10 34	22
CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY		299 5	50
REPAIRS		693 19	—
FORTIFICATIONS		187 20	—
POONEMALEE &ca. Villages		20 34	40
St. THOME &ca. Villages		21 35	40
ALLOWANCE OF THE COURT OF REQUESTS ...		23 11	—
HOUSEHOLD NECESSARIES		78 20	—
PAGODAS ...		1348 25	36

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

℔ JOHN SMITH *Paymr.*

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL.
OF FORT St. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The present Barracks being too small to contain the Troops of the Garrison even in time of Peace, and the Honble Court of Directors having by the 51st. Paragraph of their Genl. Letter of the 24 Janry 1754 order'd that such Buildings should be immediately set about as soon as a Place should be agreed upon by late Colonel Scott & myself, I take the Liberty to represent that the Buildings from the Northermost Pavillion of the Barracks to Mr. Edward's House, are mostly tumbling down (the Joint of the Terrasses being rotten) and that as that space of Ground will be sufficient to contain Barracks for 250 Men commodiously, and for 20 Officers Rooms over them, a Considerable Expence will be saved in the Terrass of the Barracks, & in laying Foundations for such Rooms should they be built in another Place.

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Herewith is an Estimate of the Expence attending this additional Building amounting to Pags. 11921 submitting it to your favourable Consideration.

I am most respectfully
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. humble servant,
JOHN BROHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE.
27TH. JANRY. 1755.

ESTIMATE for Adding 223 foot Length of Building to the Military Barracks with 20 Rooms over it for Officers & their necessary Offices.

	Pulling down the old Buildings &ca. of the Carpenters Yard & clearing the Ground for the Foundation ...	Pags.	600	—	—
17	Lacks of Brick Work at 338 Pagods. ℔ Lack, Workmanship & Materials included		5746	—	—
40	Girders 23 foot long by 12 & 14 Inches square		560	—	—
520	Joists 12 foot long by 6 & 7 do. do. ...		650	—	—
144	Do. 14 foot long by 6 & 7 do. do. ...		144	—	—
3500	Sheathing Boards at 28 Pags. ℔ 100 ...		980	—	—
600	lb. Nails for do. @ 3 fans. ℔ lb is 1800 fans.		50	—	—
64	Window frames & Wooden shutters ...		576	—	—
	Rattan Shutters for 30 Windows ...		45	—	—
26	Door frames & Doors		208	—	—
26	Locks		52	—	—
72	Pairs of Hooks & Hinges		36	—	—
30	Bolts & Staples		20	—	—
64	Pair Shutter Hinges @ ½ Pagoda ...		32	—	—
30	Pair Rattan shutters Hinges @ ½ Pago.		15	—	—
500	Nails for Ditto @ 2 fans. ℔ lb is 1000 fans.		27	28	—
14,300	Foot square of Terrasses		480	—	—
18,000	Foot square of Pavement of Brick on Edge 120000 Bricks laid in chunam.		432	—	—
108	Iron Barrs for the lower windows 2700 @ 1 fan		75	—	—
	A Kitchen for the Officers with Godowns &ca. Estimated		800	—	—
	Sheds & Foggams for the Private men.		150	—	—
11000	Paving Bricks of 12 Inches		220	—	—
	Grates for Water Courses 400 lb. of Iron @ 2 fans. ℔ lb. is 800 fans. ...		22	8	—
	PAGODAS ...		11921	—	—

JOHN BROHIER.

Sailed the Honble Company's Ship St. George, Robert Robinson for Fort St. David, the Malabar Coast & China. 29

Sent by Peons three General Letters and by Captain Brohier one Genl. Letter to Fort St. David all dated this Day.

Received by Tappoes General Letter from Fort St. David dated the 27th. Instant. 30

Arrived Snow Neptune, Andrew Kerr from the Carnicobars.

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THURSDAY THE 30TH.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR: GOVR: PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.	CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.	ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR: WYNCH.	WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.	CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 27th. Instant read and signed.

Genl. Letter from Fort St. David read.

N. 18, General Letter from Fort St. David read dated the 27th. Instant acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 24th. Arcot Snow, and acquainting us that notwithstanding all their Endeavours they shall not be able to supply us with more than 210 Bales this season, which will be cured by the 20th. of February, and they desire our Directions whether they shall detain the Arcot till then, or dispatch her directly with what they have ready, That they have kept all their Turn'd out Cloth in the Godown, and desire to know what we would have done with it. That their Cash being reduced to 30,000 Pags. They desire a supply.

Answer to St. David. To take in their Turn'd out Cloth at an Abatement. Fort St. David to be wrote to To Keep the Arcot Snow till the 20th Febry. and if their cloth is not then ready to send the rest by a Country Boat.

Agreed that, in answer to the foregoing Letter the Gentlemen at Fort St David be acquainted, That as we shall be under some Difficulties in compleating the Tonnage of the Ship to be dispatched to Europe, there is a Necessity for admitting their turn'd out Cloth, and they must therefore take in such of it at an equitable Abatement as may answer the Company's measurement, and deliver it immediately to the Washers. That they may put their Salt Petre & Redwood on board the Arcot Snow, and detain her till the 20th. Febry. when if all their Cloth should not be ready, they are to dispatch her to us with what they have embaled and detain the Country vessel Vencatasha Permal to bring the rest.

20,000 Pags. to be sent to Fort St. David ℔ Fortune Snow.

Agreed that Twenty thousand Pagodas be sent to the Gentlemen at Fort St. David by the Fortune Snow a Country Vessell now bound thither.

20.000 Mad. Pags. to be purchased of Linga Chitty @ 9¼ ℔ Cent,

Early supplys of Cash to the Northern Settlements being very material in their Investments, and the Price of Madrass Pagodas being now very moderate The President acquaints the Board that he had discoursed with Linga Chittee on that Head who offer'd to deliver Twenty thousand Madrass Pagodas in twenty five days at the Rate of Nine and one quarter ℔ Cent Premium, half the amount to be paid in Currt. Pagodas and half the Rupees at the present Price of 373 Rupees for One hundred Pagodas, Agreed that Linga Chitty's Proposal be accepted.

One Candy of Copper to be coined into Doodos upon a new Calculation.

Agreeable to Order of Consultation the 20th. December, The Assay Master's calculate of the Coinage of the Copper into Doodos is now laid before the Board whereby it appears that at the present Weight of the Doodo which dwt. gr.

5–12– the Company would lose Pags. 21–23–16 on the Coinage of One Candy[1]

(1) Candy=a weight roughly 500 lbs:—*Hobson Jobson, page* 155.

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of Copper valuing it at the average Price of the last sale being Pags. 80–34–56 but that by reducing the Weight of the Doodo[1] to four pennyweights, the Company will neither lose nor gain.

Order'd that one Candy of Copper be coined into Doodo's of four pennyweights and if any Difficulty should arise in the issuing them as Currency that then they be sent to the Negrais[2] where they are much wanted.

Letter from Mr. Archibald Keir (read in Consultation the 31st. October & then ordered to lye on the Table to be further considered) being again read desiring to be allowed Batta from the Time he left Fort St. George till he was sent upon Command with Mr. Reppington, as his Detention at Fort St. David, was not owing to his Neglect, and requesting that he may have his Rank on the List of Surgeons next to Mr. Hancock agreeable to the Terms on which he proposed to engage in the Service.

Letter from Mr. Archd. Keir desiring an allowance of Batta & his Rank next to Mr. Hancock.

The Board are of opinion that tho' Mr. Keir may have had some Reason to expect an Allowance of Batta from the Time of his leaving this Settlement till he went on Command, and also to be rank'd next to Mr. Hancock, yet as he never had any Promises or Intimations of that kind by Publick Authority the Company ought not to be put to any Expence on that Account nor those prejudiced in their Standing who were admitted into the Service before him, and therefore it is Agreed that no Batta be allowed to Mr. Keir before he went on Command and that he have his Rank according to the Time of his Admission, which places him next below Mr. Boswall.

Mr. Keir's Request not granted.

There being a large Quantity of Rupees in the Treasury, and as it is apprehended the Price of them will fall on the Arrival of the expected Ships from Manilha Order'd that the Import Warehousekeeper sell to the amount of Twenty thousand Pagodas as Opportunities offer.

Rupees to be sold to the Amount of 20,000 Pagodas.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHAS: BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AB: WYNCH.
WILLM: PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS: BOURCHIER.

Sailed the Snow Fortune John Inglis, for Fort St. David. Jaŋry 30

Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David dated this day —

Arrived Sloop Fortune John Johes from Pegue. Febry 1

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1 Doodo—a Copper coin of 10 cash—Love's Vestiges—Vol. I—page 510.

2 Negrais—at the mouth of the Bassein river, Irawaddy delta, Burma, Modern name Hainggyi.

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MONDAY 3D. FEBRY.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR: GOVR: PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE. CHAS: BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY. ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR: WYNCH. CHARLES BOURCHIER.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

JOHN SMITH *absent*.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 30th. ultO. read & signed.

A Cartel settled with the French to return Deserters. Vide° Minutes of the Committee dated.

The President acquaints the Board that the Committee for affairs of the Country Government &ca. had concluded and settled a Cartel or Agreement with Mr. Godeheu for returning all Deserters reciprocally and lays the same before the Board*.

Copies to be sent to the subordinates & to be published at the head of the Garrisons.

Order'd that Copies thereof, be sent to all the Company's Settlements on this Coast with Directions to publish the same at the head of the several Garrison's.

Houses rented in the Pettah to be surveyed & their value reported in order to purchase them for the Company.

A List of the Houses hired in the Pettah for an Hospital being laid before the Board the Rent whereof amounts to Forty six Pagodas six fanams ℔ Month, The Board are of opinion that as Repairs are frequently necessary as well as some Additions to make the Apartments commodious, it will be more for the Company's Advantage to purchase than rent those Houses, and there being a Clause in all Grants and Leases of Ground that if the same should at any time be wanted for the Company's use, they may be at Liberty to take such Ground paying for the Buildings thereon at an equitable valuation.

Order'd that the Engineer with proper Assistants do survey the said Houses and lay before the Board an Estimate of their real present value.

Stewards accott. of Provisions &ca. bought for the Admiral's Table & resold, read & Ballance paid in.

Loss thereon to be wrote off.

Pursuant to Order of Consultation the 13th. Septr. last Mr. Charles Turner late Steward his Account is now laid before the Board, of the Provision & necessaries by him purchased for Admiral Watson's Tables and sold again at Outcry after Receipt of the Company's Orders to pay the Admiral Five Pagodas a day instead of keeping him a Table, the Ballance of the said account being Eight hundred and twenty one Pagodas fourteen fanams (821—14—) is now paid in and the Loss thereon amounting to one hundred and seventy Eight Pagodas twenty two fanams (178–22–) is order'd to be wrote off to Profit & Loss and the account to be enter'd hereafter.

Admiral Watson & Coll. Adlercron to be paid 5 Pags. ℔ day from their Arrival.

Admiral Watson and Colonel Adlercron nothaving yet received any Part of the Company's Allowance of five Pagodas ℔ day from the Time of their arrival Ordered that it be paid to this Time and that henceforward it be paid monthly.

¼ ℔ Cent freight to be paid Captn. Latham for a supply of Treasure sent to Fort St. David ℔ Tyger.

A Supply of two hundred thousand Rupees and twenty five thousand Pagodas having been sent to Fort St. David on his Majesty's Ship the Tyger and Captn. Latham having applied for the usual allowance of one quarter ℔ Cent for Freight, amounting to Five hundred Rupees (500) and sixty two Pagodas, Eighteen fanams (62–18) Order'd that it be paid accordingly.

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The President acquainted the Board that Barkey Vencatrow the Mysore Vackeel is desirous of returning to his Master & begs to be dismissed, at the same time he represents that his Master having refused to bear his Expences during his Detention here he is thereby laid under great Difficulties and requests some assistance from the Board to defray his travelling Charges.

The Mysore vackeel desires to return to his Master.

Agreed that he be permitted to depart, That one hundred Pagodas be advanced him by the Commissary for his Expences that it be added to the sums already advanced him on that Account and his Bill taken for the whole on the King his Master, To whom it is Agreed to send a small Present of a pair of Pistols, a Spying Glass &c^{a}.

Vencatarow's Requests granted & 100 Pags. to be advanced him for his Expences.

A Present to be sent by him to the King of Mysore.

M^{r}. Westgarth late Resident at Syrian being arrived from thence, it is referr'd to Mess^{rs}. Boddam & Powney to revise his Accounts and require of him an Explanation of such Articles as need it, and report to the Board their Proceedings thereon.

M^{r}. Westgarth being arrived Messrs. Boddam & Powney to examine his Acco^{tts}. & report.

The Number of Invalids being greatly encreased since the Commencement of the Troubles, Order'd that a Return be drawn out of those at S^{t}. David & this Settlement and as it is apprehended they might be provided for at a less Expence in England than here Agreed that the Company be advised thereof in the next General Letter, that if they think proper they may give Directions for sending them home.

Number of Invalids being encreased a Return to be drawn out, & the Company to be wrote to about sending them home.

Our Honble Masters in the 33^{d}. Para. of their Commands dated 24th. January 1754 having directed that Proposals be received in writing of such Persons as may be inclined to undertake the Provision of their Investment, and that a month's publick Notice be given thereof Order'd that the following Notice be affixed at the Town Gates; Viz^{t}.

Notice to be given that the Board will receive Proposals for the Investment the 3^{d}. March.

Fort S^{t}. George the 3^{d}. Febry 1755.

" Notice is hereby given that all Persons who may be inclined to contract " for, or undertake to provide the Company's Investments or any Part thereof " for the Current Year may make their Proposals to the President & Coun- " cil in writing on or before Monday the 3^{d}. day of March next, which Pro- " posals are to be sealed up and delivered to the Secretary in order to be laid " before the Board and are to particularize.

" The Species
" The Prices
" The Quantity's

} of Goods the Proposer will undertake to provide and the Times when he will deliver the same.

" And Notice is further given that all Persons who may be inclined to " make such Proposals may have a view of the Musters of the several species " of Merchandize, to be provided by applying to Robert Orme Esq^{r}. Export " Warehousekeeper.

The President reads the Cash account for last Month Ballance remaining, compared with the Chest, Fifteen thousand, six hundred and Eighty two Pagodas and Fifty Cash (C^{t}. Pag^{s}. 15682– —. 50) and six hundred and seven Madrass Pagod^{s}. twenty one fanams and thirty five Cash (M^{s}. P^{s}. 607–21–35) which is carried forward.

Cash Accounts read.

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Treasury Accounts read.

The Treasury Accounts are also read, The several Ballances having been compared & found right, are Silver, Forty & one quarter (40¼) Chests containing Eleven thousand seven hundred and Eighty Pounds four Ounces & ten Penny Weights (11708–4–10) Arcot Rupees Five hundred and four thousand and forty one, fourteen anaes & nine Pice (504041–14–9) Madrass Rupees Three thousand two hundred & thirty five (3235) Current Pagodas one hundred & forty four thousand Eight hundred and sixty two, one fanam and seventy Cash (144862–1–70) Madrass Pagodas six hundred & seventeen (617) which are carried forward.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Chas: Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Ar: Wynch.
Willm: Perceval.
Chs: Bourchier.

FORT ST. GEORGE

AN ACCOUNT OF CASH RECEIVED FROM THE HONBLE COMPANY AND EXPENDED IN PROVIDING NECESSARIES FOR ADMIRAL WATSONS TABLE, AND SINCE SOLD AT PUBLICK OUTCRY BY ORDER OF CONSULTATION OF THE 13TH. SEPTEMBER 1754.

THE HONBLE COMPANY.

Dr.						Cr.					
1754 Septr.	To Libson Wine	7 dozen	22	27	—						
	To Claret	34 & 2 Bottles.	230	22	40	Decr.	By Libson wine	7 dozen Pags.	14	31	40
	To Small Ale	9	18	—	—		By Claret	34	170	3	20
	To Beer	2 „ 6	6	9	—		By Small Ale	9	13	18	—
	To Pelah Beer	4	11	—	—		By Beer	27 Bottles	3	23	50
	To Europe dº.	6 Casks	60	—	—		By Pelah Beer	4 dozs.	10	—	—
	To Rum	1 doz.	6	—	—		By Europe dº.	6 Casks	54	24	—
	To Old Hock	6 dº.	45	—	—		By Rum	10 Bottles	4	18	20
	To Goa Arrack	1	12	—	—		By Old Hock	6 dozs.	34	31	40
	To Drinking Glasses	15 dozn.	16	24	—		By Goa Arrack	1 hhd	11	—	—
	To Cruit Stands	2 sets	20	—	—		By Drinking Glasses	14 dozs. & 8	6	41	—
	To Glass Shades	5 pair	17	18	—		By Cruits Stands	3 setts	20	18	—
	To Pickles	2 Cases	11	—	—		By Glass Shades	3 Pair	14	13	40
	To Cheese	1	4	15	—		By Pickles	2 Cases	8	13	40
	To Minced Meat	6 Bottles	4	18	—		By Cheese	1	3	10	60
	To Hams	18	54	—	—		Ry Minced Meat	6 Bottles	2	27	0
	To Tea Kettle	1	2	—	—		By Mangos Picles	1 Jar	1	18	—
	To Pans	3	3	—	—		By Hams	18	31	15	—
	To Tongues	34	17	34	—		By Tea Kettle	1	3	5	—
	To Mangoe Pickles	1 Jar	3	12	—		By Pans	3	2	9	—
	To Vinegar	2 doz.	4	24	—		By Tongues	34	10	7	40
	To Soye	6 Bottles	3	—	—		By Vinegar	21 Bottles	3	31	40
	To Sugar Candy	131½ dº.	7	38	—		By Soye	6 dº.	2	9	—
	To Copper Potts	3 Maund	22	6	—		By Sugar Candy	131½ lb.	8	4	40
	To Sugar	309	8	27	40		By Sugar	309 lh.	9	18	—
	To Frying Pan & tinning		2	32	40		By Copper Potts	31 Maund	16	4	40
	To Cooleys		—	42	60		By Frying Pan	1	1	4	40
	To Peons Batta		—	24	—		By Silver Spoons 18.	z. 101 Rupees	26	38	60
	To Padlock	1	—	8	—		By China Coffee Pott	1	—	12	—
	To Sweet Oil		—	21	20		By Table Cloths	22	12	8	—
	To Candles		—	4	—		By Towels	80	5	—	60
	To Guglates		—	6	40						
	Carried over		614	18	0		Carried over		507	27	70

Dr.

					Cr.		
Brought forward ..	614	18	0	Brought forward ..	507	27	70
To Sugar Potts & Baskets.	—	10	70				
To Silver Spoons 18 pz. 101. Rupˢ. & Cooley	31	14	—				
To China Coffee Pot .. 1	1	—	—				
To Servants Wages	7	—	—				
To Long Cloth .. .. 4 pcs. ..	16	—	—				
To White Ginghams .. 2 do. ..	5	—	—				
To Brown Cloth .. .. 4 doo d.	5	—	—				
To Taylors Bill	5	—	—		507	27	70
To Cryer	1	7	—	By Batty	1	27	—
	686	13	70		509	18	27
To Batty	1	27	—	By Ballance	178	22	—
PAGs. ..	688	4	70	PAGs. ..	688	4	70

Charles Turner Steward.

Dr.

					Cr.		
1754. Septr.				By Loss on the sale of the above Articles ...	178	22	—
				By Ballance	821	14	—
To the Honble Company's Cash ... Pags.	1000	—	—	Pagodas ...	1000	—	—

Errors Excepted.

℘ John Browning.

FORT ST. GEORGE.

THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH.

Dr.				
1	To Ballance brought from last Month	14082	11	73
,,	To Henry Powney Import Wareho.kr. received of him for Rupees sold	270	9	58
,,	To Henry Powney Import Wareho.kr. received of him for Rups. sold	1351	12	52
,,	To Henry Powney Sea Customer received of him on his Running Account	2000	—	—
12	To Account Current London received of Thomas Saunders Esqr. for Permission of Passage to England on the ship Norfolk	30	—	—
15.	To Fines & Forfeitures received of the Mayors Court for fines levied by the Clerk of the Market as ℔ their Letter enter'd after Consultn. this day	27	35	30
,,	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper received of him from the Treasury on Accot. Gold received from Europe	5000	—	—
,,	To Pitloor Vencata Kistna & Permal Kellava Chittee Beetle and Tobacco Farmers received of them one Month's Rent of that Farm due the 1st. ultimo	666	24	—
,,	To Pitloor Vencata Kistna & Permal Kellava Chittee Farmers of the Arrack & Wine License received of them on months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. ultimo	333	12	—
20	To Henry Powney Sea Customer received of him on his Running Account	1000	—	—
,,	To Henry Powney Import Wareho.kr. received of him for Rupees sold	3648	23	28
27.	To George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master received of him the Ballance of that account for last Month Madrass Pags.	101	—	—
.	To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd. of him, which together with what paid in the Course of this Month is the full Balla. of that account for last Month	593	26	49
	Carried over ...	29105	11	50

CONTRA.

		Pa.	Fa.	Cr. Ca.
1.	By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him to pay the Military	5270	9	58
,,	By John Smith Paymaster advanced him for the Disbursements of that Employ	3000	—	—
6	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad ...	1351	12	52
15.	By Gundaveddy Vencata Ramah and Nella Chittee advanced them on account of the Investment	5000	—	—
,,	By account Presents paid the Cost of a Diamond Ring presented to the Reverend Mr. Robt. Palk as the 85th. Para. of the General Letter to England Norfolk dated 10th. Novr. & Consultn. 16th. April 1754	1000	—	—
20	By Alexr. Wynch Storekeeper advanced him for Disbursements in that Employ	945	34	4
,,	By Rents & Revenues paid in full for five months of a Pension of one thousand Pagodas ℔ annum settled on the Widow of Hussain Cawn Cauked late Killedar of Poonemalee & Causem Cawn his Brother as by the nabobs saned commencing 1st. Augt. last	416	24	—
27	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad	2702	25	24
,,	By Claud Russell Accountant General of the Mayors Court paid his Draft in favour of Balla Kistnah Chembudoss account the Salvage of SHIP ARCOT	382	—	—
,,	By Sunca Vencata Ramah & Ambalatoddy Chittee advanced them on account the Investment	4000	—	—
,,	By George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master paid him the Ballance of that Account for last Month ...	284	9	—
,,	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad ...	7621	22	33
	Carried over ...	31974	29	11

	Brought forward ...			29105	11	50		
27	To Town Duty receiv'd as ℔ Consultation of this day the net Produce of the Town Conicoply's Duty collected at the Sea Gate & Choultry for the year ending 31st. Ultimo Vizt.							
	By the Sea Customer ...	497	—	25				
	By the Land Customer ...	59	30	1				
					556	30	26	
	To William Perceval Land Customer recd. of him the Ballance of that Account for last Month				303	27	54	
	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper received of him from the Treasury Vizt.							
	For Rupees sold	1891	32	11				
	On account of Gold received from Europe	17000	—	—				
					18891	32	11	
	Star or Currt. Pagods. ...				48857	29	61	

	Brought forward ...			31974	29	11		
,,	By Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that Employ.			1100	—	—		
,,	By Madrass Pagodas for the Mint December Ballance M. Ps.			101	—	—		
				33175	29	11		
	By Ballance carried to next Month's Account.			15682	—	50		
	Star or Curt. Pagods. ...			48857	29	61		

Madrass Pagodas.

Dr.		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.			Pa.	Fa.	Cr. Ca.
1.	To Ballance brought from last Month's Account.	506	21	35					
27.	To the Honble Company's Cash for the Mint Decemr. Ballance	101	—	—					
		607	21	35	31.	By Ballance carried to next Month's Account ...	607	21	35

Errors Excepted.
℔ George Pigot.

TREASURY ACCOUNTS, FORT ST: GEORGE, JANRY 1755.

SILVER.

		Dr.					Cr.		
1755. Janry. 1.	To Ballance brought from last Month 40¼ Chests.	11708	4	10	1754. Decr. 31.	By Ballance 40¼ Chests	11708	4	10

CONTRA.

ERRORS EXCEPTED

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GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.

ARCOT RUPEES.

		Dr:					Cr.		
1755. Janry. 1.	To Ballance brought from last Month ...	530541	2	9	1755. Janry. 1.	By Import Warehousekeeper delivered him for sale	1000	—	—
2.	To George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master	—	12	—	6.	By Do. ... ... do. ...	5000	—	—
					20.	By Do. ... ... do. ...	13500	—	—
					27.	By Do. ... ... do. ...	7000	—	—
					31.	By Ballance	504041	14	9
	A. Rs. ...	530541	14	9		A. Rs. ...	530541	14	9

ERRORS EXCEPTED

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HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.

MADRASS RUPEES.

1755.		Dr.			1755.		Cr.		
Janry.					Janry.				
1.	To Ballance brought from last Month	3235	—	—	31.	By Ballance	3235	—	—

ERRORS EXCEPTED

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.

CURRENT PAGODAS.

1755.		Dr:			1755.		Cr:		
Janry.					Janry.				
1.	To Ballance brought from last Month ...	176862	1	70	15.	By the Honble Company's Cash	5000	—	—
29.	To Import Warehousekeeper received of him.	10000	—	—	27.	By Ditto	17000	—	—
					30.	By Fort St. David Snow Fortune	20000	—	—
					31.	By Ballance	144862	1	70
		186862	1	70			186862	1	70

ERRORS EXCEPTED

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.

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MADRAS PAGODAS.

1755.		Dr: Pa.	Fa.	Ca.	1755.		Cr: Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
Janry. 1.	To Ballance brought from last Month ...	617	—	—	Janry. 31.	By Ballance	617	—	—

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GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.

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4 Arrived Sloop George Thomas Reason from Bandarmalanka[1] with Genl. Letter from Mr. John Andrews Resident there dated 26th. Ultimo.

— Arrived Squirrel Schooner John Jennicor from Bengal.

6 Arrived Snow Hartop John Heriot from Vizagapatam with General Letter from the Gentlemen there dated 25th. Ulto.

— Arrived Snow Fancy Thomas Warner from Bengal.

— Sent by Tappies Genl. Letters to Fort St. David and DeveCotah both dated this Day.

7 Arrived the Honble Company's Ship Britannia Nevell Norway from Bengal with General Letter dated 13th. Ultimo, and two from Mr. William Ellis at Ingellee both dated 18th. Ulto.

— Arrived Snow David William Palairet from the Nicobars.

8 Received by Tappies Genl. Letter from Fort St. David dated 5th. Instt.

9 Arrived the Honble Company's Ship Winchelsea Christopher Baron from Bengal with General Letter dated 10th. Ulto. and one from Mr. William Ellis at Ingellee dated 17th. Ulto. also General Letter from Negrais received at Bengal Egmont and forwarded.

— Arrived Ship Narsimoolu, Narrain Serang from Metchlepatam.

10 Sailed Squirrel Schooner John Jennicor for Fort St. David.

— Sent by Peons Genl. Letters to Vizagapatam, Ingeram[2] and Bandarmalanka dated this day.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR: GOVR: PRESIDENT.

MONDAY THE 10TH.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.	CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.	ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR: WYNCH.	WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
	CHS: BOURCHIER.

MR. JOHN SMITH *absent.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 3d. Instant read and signed.

General Letter read Vizt.

Genl. Letters read From Bandarmlka

N. 19 from Mr. John Andrews at Bandarmalanka dated 26th. Ulto. advising that he has consigned to us ℔ George Sloop 127 Bales of Cloth on the Company's Account which he thinks superior in Quality to that sent in September and is the best he could procure, The French having been so pressing and extravagant in their Demand for Cloth that he has not been able to get one Bale for two Months past, but as soon as they have collected their Ballances, he hopes to begin his Investment for the ensuing Year more satisfactorily.

Vizagapatam

N. 20 From Mr. John Lewen Smith Provisional Chief &ca. Council at Vizagapatam dated 25th. Ulto. advising that they have consigned us by the Hartop Snow 200 Bales of Callicoes on the Company's Account which they should have sent sooner, but that the Washers delayed longer than they expected. That the greatest Part of the Cloth is white and they have upwards of twenty Bales remaining at the Wash, but did not think it adviseable to detain the vessel on that Account That they have received our Letters of the 29th. Ulto. and shall observe our Directions in regard to Ibrahim Gordee who

1 Bandarmalanka, village, port; Amalapuram taluk, Godavari district.

2 Ingeram—a village near the mouth of the Godavari in the present East Godavari district, one of the earliest English Factories in the east coast.

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has not since made any Application to them; That one John Adamtore a soldier having served his contracted Time and desiring his Discharge they had granted it. Enclosing the Accounts of that Settlement, Duplicates Books & other Papers as ℔ List.

N. 21, N. 22, N. 23, N. 25 & N. 26 from the President and Council of Bengal and from Mr. Willm. Ellis at Ingellee. N. 25 is dated the 10th. Janry. and advises the Receipt of our Letters of the 12th. 16th. & 17th. October, That they have stationed the Britannia and Kent for this Coast and the London for Bombay and Surat, that they shall send us the two former as soon as they are loaded with Grain; and if we can send them home via China, it will be doing the Company good service, That they have consigned to the Supravisor & Council at Fort Marlbro sundry Stores agreeable to their Indent ℔ Elizabeth on which Ship they put 200 Tons of Salt Petre and thirty Tons of Redwood and directed the Commander to call at the Settlements in his Way to Marlbro for what Pepper might be there ready. That they could not procure the Ophium, We desired when the Elizabeth sailed, but will consign it to us as soon as they can procure it, but they observe that our Revival of a Prohibition long forgot is very injurious to their Trade, as Ophium and Piece Goods are the only Articles which yield any Profit, and as their Indentures give them a general Priviledge of Trade except in case of Prohibition from the Company they look upon this as an Infringement of them and desire we will send them a copy of what the Company write us on that subject, and desire to know whether if they manifested the cargo's of their ships for the West Coast it would not answer our view in that Prohibition. That they sent 200 Chests of Gun Powder to the West Coast ℔ the Elizabeth and shall send us as much as they can ℔ Britannia and Kent. That the Redwood we sent them this season has been objected to by the Commanders of the Europe Ships and desire it may be better pick'd. That they intend the Winchelsea to fill up with us for Europe and have laden on her sundry Goods for Europe as ℔ Invoice amounting to Curt. Rupees 490500 and have consignd to us on her 30 Bales of Goods as ℔ Invoice. Enclosing a Packet to us from the Negrais, and acquainting us that they send a Box Packet to our Honble Masters by the said ship. That Mr. William Ellis will dispatch her to us, and that they have put the St. Helena Stores on board. N. 26 is from Mr. William Ellis dated on board the Winchelsea at Ingellee, and advises her Draught of Water and encloses the Papers on her Dispatch. N. 21 is from the President and Council dated the 13th. Janry. and advises that they have laden on the Britannia and consigned to us a Cargo as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading amounting to seventeen thousand seven hundred & seventy Eight Curt. Rupees, three Anaes and nine Pice (Curt. Rs. 17778–3–9) and that Mr. William Ellis will dispatch the ship to us. N. 22 & 23 are from Mr. William Ellis both dated the 18th. Ulto. The first enclosing Muster Roll &ca. Papers and advising her draught of Water, and the second acquainting us that 27 Bags of Rice included in her Invoice were returned being damaged.

Bengal.

N. 24 is From the Deputy Governour &c Council of Fort St. David dated 5th. Instant, acknowledging the Receipt of our Letters of the 29th. & 30th. ulto. and acquainting us that agreeable to our Direction the Board having met in the sorting Godown and examined the turned out Cloth, They are of Opinion that excepting ten Bales of Salem, the Cloth in general is so bad that they cannot think it will answer to the Company even tho' the Merchants should agree to a considerable Abatement, which they think it their Duty to acquaint us with, and wait our further Directions and if any is taken in it must be embaled brown, as it is too late to cure it. That they send us their Monthly Accotts. with the first Copy of their General Books ending ultimo April last. That they have order'd Cawn Moodelair and Tenneveroy Pillah to set out for Madrass

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with their accounts. That there is a Deficiency of one Garce 101 Mercals in the Rice ℔ Vengadasha Permaul, and that the Syrang refers the settling the same to his owner at Madrass. That they have received the Pagodas ℔ Fortune Snow.

From Negrais.

N. 27 From Mr. Henry Brooke Chief at the Negrais dated 26th. Novem. advising that by the Egmont bound to Bengal, he transmitts us the occurrences relating to that Settlement to which he referrs for a state of Affairs on the Island. That it appears by the Narrative of the Transactions of Messrs. North and Baker at the Court of Pegue the Kings Jealousies are not likely to be removed whilst Nicoose has any Influence, who is greatly in the French Interest, That the Denham, arrived there the 19th. Novr. and brought sundry Stores and Artificers, and that he has sent one hundred and sixty Teak Timbers to Bengal ℔ Egmont.

St. David to be wrote to not to accept the turn'd out Cloth if they think it won't answer.

Agreed that in regard to the turn'd out Cloth at St. David the Gentlemen there be acquainted, We rely on their Judgment and since they are of Opinion, it is unfit for the Company even at a considerable Abatement we would not by any Means have them accept any but what they think will answer.

The Britannia to proceed to the West Coast with a Cargo of salt & from thence to China to be loaded home.

Agreed that the Britannia Captn. Nevell Norway be dispatched to the West Coast with a Cargo of salt and such of the stores indented for as could not be sent ℔ Prince George and procceed from thence to Canton to be loaded home by the Supra Cargo's who have the Company's Orders to take charge of her, and that the said Ship's Detention here may be as short as possible.

Rice ℔ Britannia to be landed.

Order'd that the Cargo of Rice consigned to us by her from Bengal be landed with all Expedition.

Northern Bales to be sorted for the Winchelsea.

Ordered that the Northern Bales be sorted and re-embaled to be laden on the Winchelsea for England.

80 Tons of Salt Petre to be laden on the Winchelsea.

As the Number of Bales that may be got ready in time for the Winchelsea's Dispatch will not upon the nicest Calculation exceed nine hundred which will be insufficient to compleat her Tonnage, Agreed that Eighty Tons of Salt Petre be put on board before the Bales are sent off.

Baftaes ℔ Winchelsea to be landed & Order delivered the Captn. to load for Europe & Caution agt. Fire &ca.

Order'd that the Baftaes[1] &ca. consigned to this Presidency from Bengall ℔ Winchelsea be landed and that Captain Baron be then served with the usual Caution against Fire and an Order to receive his Europe Cargo.

Captn. Baron gives Notice that his Charter expires to Morrow.

Letter from Captain Christopher Baron of the Ship Winchelsea dated this Day read as enter'd hereafter, purporting a Notice that as the Charter Party time for the Dispatch of the said Ship expires to Morrow, she will return for England accordingly unless some new Agreement be made for the further Detention, of the Ship, and the Freight and Demorage already become due and which may accrue be secured to the Owners.

To be answer'd that it does not expire till 30 days after his Notice.

Reference being thereupon had to the Winchelsea's Charter Party, it appears that the Master is obliged to give thirty days Notice before his Departure, Agreed therefore that a Letter be wrote to Captn. Baron by the Secretary, purporting that the Board are of opinion he has not sufficient Authority to

[1] Baftaes = [Derived from the Persian word '*Baftan*' meaning to weave]—a cotton cloth, loom woven.

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proceed home without their Directions untill the Expiration of thirty days from the Date of his Notice within which time they don't doubt being able to compleat the Loading.

Fine levied by the Mayor's Court to be received.

The Secretary lays before the Board a Letter from the Register of the Mayor's Court signifying that the Court having levied a Fine of Five Pagodas the same is ready to be paid into the Company's Cash.

Rents paid in of

Order'd that it be received and carried to the head of Fines and Forfeitures.

The Beetle & Tobacco Farms.

Pitloor Vencata Kistna and Permal Kellavah Chitty pay in the following Rents.

For one Months Rent of the Beetle and Tobacco Farm due the 1st. Ultimo six hundred and sixty six Pagodas and twenty four Fanams (Pags. 666–24).

Arrack & Wine License.

For one Months Rent of the Arrack and Wine License due the 1st. Ultimo, Three hundred and thirty three Pagodas, and twelve fanams (333–12).

& The Measuring Duty.

For two Months Rent of the Measuring Duty due the 1st. Ultimo. One hundred and sixty six Pagodas and twenty four fanams (166–24).

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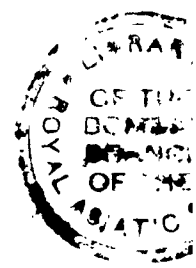

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,

Whereas by Charter Party of a Freightment bearing Date the 11th. Day of October 1752, and made between the part Owners of the Ship Winchelsea therein named, and Christopher Baron Master of the said Ship, of the one Part, and the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies of the other Part, It is therein amongst other things agreed That the said Company's President, Factors and Agents shall have free Liberty to detain the said Ship after the 11th. day of February 1754, in their Employment in Trade, and also in Warefare, and shall have Liberty to lett out the said Ship to Freight for the said Company's sole use for so long a time as they please, so as such Detention be signified in writing and doth not exceed 12 Months from the said 11th. day of Febry 1754, and so as the said Ship be dispatched in a proper Season to save her next Years Moonsoon which time expires the 11th. day of February now next ensuing, And it is further Agreed that in case all or any Part of the said Ships Lading shall after the Expiration of the said 12 Months be wanting, that the said Ship may then return for England, and the Company shall not be liable to any further Demorage, or Damage that may accrue by her Detention after that Time, The Master having first made legal Demand thirty days before his coming away, and due Protest for Want of the said Loading and whereas the said Ship has been detained in the service of the said Honble Company ever since her first Arrival in the East Indies and has been sent on a Voyage to the Mallabar Coast Bombay, Suratt, &ca. &ca. &ca.

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And whereas by Charter Party the Time expires on the 11th. day of February now next ensuing and the said Ship will then be at Liberty to return for England, unless the said Honble Company shall think fitt to come to some new Agreement, touching the said Ships further Detention, and her not proceeding to England.

Now I the said Christopher Baron, in the Name of my Owners, as well as myself, do hereby demand that the said Ship may be laden and dispatch'd for England within the Time mentioned in the said Charter Party, and do hereby give Notice that agreeable to the said Charter party the said Ship will return for England, unless you will enter into a new Agreement with me, that the Owners shall be paid what is now become due for Demorage, and do agree that the said Ship shall not return to England according to the said Notice and that the said Honble Company shall pay for the Demorage of the said Ship from the Time that she entered on Demorage to the time they shall detain the said Ship in their service untill her Dispatches for Europe (in a proper Season to save her Monsoon) after the Rate agreed on by Charter Party otherwise the Master of the said Ship doth hereby protest against the Honble Company, against their President, Agent & Factors of this Place for Want of Lading and being dispatched for England & for all Damages, Loss of time, or any other Accident that may Happen to the said Ship untill her Return to Europe by such Detention.

I am with the greatest Respect,

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,

Your most Obedt. Humble Servant,

CHRISTOPHER BARON.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
10TH. FEBRY. 1755.

TO MR. JOSIAS DUPRE SECRETARY.

SIR

I am directed to acquaint you for the Information of the Honble the President and Council that the Mayors Court have this Day order'd the sum of five Pagodas which they have levied by Fine, to be paid into the Honble Companys Cash, when the said President & Council shall think proper to receive the same.

I am SIR.

Your most Humble Servant,

DANIEL MORSE,
Regr.

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4TH. FEBRY. 1755.

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10 Arrived Snow Don Carlos, Carre Balloo from Ingeram with General Letter from the Resident there dated 28th. Ulto.

11 Arrived Snow Benjamin John Line from Vizagapatam.

do. Ship Swallow. John Widdrington, from Bengal.

— Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David dated this Day.

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Arrived his Majestys Sloop King Fisher [*lacuna*] from Bengal. 15

D°. his Majesty's Ship Salisbury Captn. Thomas Knowler from Bombay, last from Galé. —

Arrived Ketch Betsey, John Griffin from Nagore. 17

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STRINGER LAWRENCE. CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY. ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH. WILLM. PERCEVAL.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

MONDAY THE 17TH.

MR. JOHN SMITH, *absent.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 10th. Instt. read and signed.

Hospital reported

Mr. Robert Orme reports that he had visited the Hospital and found no just Cause of Complaint.

General Letters read, Vizt.

Genl. Letters.

From Ingeram.

N. 28. From Mr. Foss Westcott Resident at Ingeram dated 28th. Jañry, acknowledging the Receipt of our Letters of the 11th. December and 9th. Jañry. and advising that he has consigned to Us for the Company's Account ℔ Snow Don Carlos, 94 Bales of Calicoes, That he hopes the Quality will make Amends for the smallness of the Quantity and that he has paid due Regard to our Instructions in regard to Length's & Breadths, That his Investment would have been more considerable, had not the French advanced their Merchants thirty thousand Pagodas and bought all the Cloth he rejected at a Higher Price than he could give. That a Parcel of his Cloth has been lately seized by Jaggernaut Rauze under Pretence that it was wanted for a Tent for Monsieur de Bussy, and that he would deduct the value of it from the five hundred Pagodas which he claims as due to him on his signing the Cowle for Coringa, tho he was promised it only in consideration of his getting the Cowle sign'd by Viziaramrauze which he has not done. That he will strictly observe the Treaty, but the last Rains having entirely thrown down the Lining of the Ditch which is made of Turf he desires our Directions whether it may be repaired so as to prevent it's Ruin. That he has addressed his Reply to Mr. Godeheu's Accusation agreeable to our Directions which he hopes will be satisfactory, Requesting a Supply of Stationery and Enclosing his Duplicate Books and last Month's Accounts.

From Vizagapatam.

N. 29. From Mr. John Lewen Smith Provisional Chief, &ca. Council of Vizagapatam dated 1st. Febry. serving only to enclose Duplicate of their last Letter and Papers.

Viziaram rauze to be wrote to in Relation to some Cloth of Mr. Westcotts seized. Nellepillee not to be repaired.

Agreed that a Letter be wrote to Viziaram Rauze in relation to the Cloth seized by Jaggernautrauze as mentioned in Mr. WestCott's Letter, And in regard to the Repairs of Nellipelle, that Mr. Westcott be directed not to proceed in them as they are but of little Importance and will probably be demolished should the Treaty of Peace be confirmed in Europe.

Advice received of an intended expedition agt. the Negrais by the Aracaners.

The President communicates to the Board a Letter from Mr. Starke at Fort St. David advising that a Vessell was arrived there from Arracan, the Master whereof reports that the Arracaners had filled out three hundred Boats with a great Number of Men which were intended for an Expedition against the Negrais.

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Application to be made to Admiral Watson for one of his Majesty's Ships.

Agreed that Application be made to Admiral Watson for one of his Majesty's Ships to be sent there as expeditiously as possible.

St. David damaged Cloth Mr. Cooke to take it away & pay for it or it will be sold the 25th Instant.

The Disposal of the St. David torn and damaged Cloth for which Mr. Cooke is made accountable having been deferr'd at his request, and as it is proper that account should be adjusted before the Dispatch of the Winchelsea to England which now approaches, Agreed that a Letter be wrote to Mr. Cooke by the Secretary, acquainting him that the Cloth will be delivered to him at any Time before Tuesday the 25th. Instant on his applying for the same and paying the Export Warehousekeeper the Amount of what the Cloth stands charged on the Company's Books, and that in default of his taking away and paying for the same the Cloth will be sold by Publick Outcry at the Sea Gate to the best Bidders on Tuesday the 25th. Instant and that he will be charged with the Difference between the Amount of the Sales and the Sum the Cloth is valued at in the Company's Books.

Accott. Stores and Necessaries supplied Colonel Adlercrons Regiment to be authenticated by him. * Vide consult. 27th Janry. & Letter to St. David 29th Janry. N. 21.

*The President lays before the Board a Letter from Colonel Aldercron wherein he mentions that the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David had deliver'd him an Account of Oil &ca. supplied his Regiment and demanded Payment of the amount which he declines complying with and rather chuses to have the Accounts transmitted home to be settled there. Agreed that the Gentlemen at Fort St. David be directed to draw out an exact account of all Stores and Necessaries supplied for the use of the Regiment and present the same to Colonel Aldercron to be authenticated by his certifying the same to be just and in future that such an Account be constantly tendered to him every Month for His Approbation.

Broad Cloth put up the 12th Instt. did not sell.

The Import Warehousekeeper reports that agreeable to Order of Consultation the 15th. Ulto. the Honble Company's Broad Cloth was put up at Outcry at the Sea Gate the 12th. Instant, but no Bidders appeared not even for a single Lott.

To be put up again the 8th. March.

Order'd that Notice be given that the Cloth will be put up to sale again on Saturday the 8th. of March next.

A Pipe of bad Madeira Wine sold.

The Import Warehousekeeper also reports that one Pipe of Madeira Wine being of a very indifferent Quality was at the same time put up at Outcry and sold for Fifty one Pagodas.

Captn. John Howes preferred to a Compy.

Debates thereon & Reasons.

There being a vacancy in one of the Company's on this Establishment by the Death of Captain Greenville and Captain John Howes being proposed as an Officer deserving of Promotion, it is thereupon debated whether as Captain Howes belongs to the Bengal Establishment it may be consistent with the Company's Orders and Intention for the good of the service, And after some time spent therein, it is the opinion of the Board that it is of the greatest consequence to the Service the Company's should be commanded by men of approved conduct as well as Bravery, as the frequent Detachments made for particular Expeditions must be entrusted to them alternately, and Captn. Howes having on all Occasions given Proofs of his conduct and Capacity as an experienced Officer particularly in an action near Tritchinopoly where he received a dangerous wound, it is therefore Agreed that as he is justly entitled to Promotion the vacant Company be conferr'd on him, but at the same time that the Board are desirous of rewarding Merit in Captain Howes they are willing to do Justice to others also and therefore they think it proper to take Notice here that the Officers who stand next in succession on the List are brave and deserving Men in their present Stations.

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An Assistant being wanted at the Negrais, Agreed that Mr. John Whitehill proceed thither as such by next proper Conveyance.

Mr. John Whitehill appointed Assistant at the Negrais.

The Secretary lays before the Board the Title Deeds of the House in Charles Street purchased of Messrs. David Lopes Fernandes and Samuel De Castro and a proper Conveyance of the same from them to the Company.

Title Deeds of the house in Chas. Street produced.

Order'd that the Purchase Money being six thousand Pagodas be paid them.

Purchase Money to be paid.

Robert Orme Export Warehousekeeper pays in Four thousand (4000) Pagodas on account of Rice sold.

Money paid in by The Export Wareho. kr.

Alexander Wynch Storekeeper pays in three thousand (3000) Pagodas on his Running Account.

The Storekeeper.

Royal Pundat Renter of the Poonemalee Country pays in sixteen thousand (16000) Pagodas in part of six Months Rent due on that Cowle the 1st. Ultimo.

In part of Poonemalee Rent.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in on account Rupees sold, five thousand four hundred and five Pagodas, fourteen fanams and forty Eight Cash Pags. 5405–14–48.

& for Rupees sold.

Linga Chittee and Gruapah late Farmers of the Company's old Garden, pay in for Six months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. December last (at which time the Cowle expired) one hundred and twenty five (125) Pagodas.

Rent of the Compys. Old Garden paid in.

Agreed that the Commissary be advanced Ten thousand four hundred and five Pagodas fourteen fanams and forty eight Cash (Pags. 10405–14–48) to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad.

Commissary advanced.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
RORERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David dated this Day

Arrived his Majesty's Ship Bridgwater, William Martin from Bengal. 18

Sailed Snow David William Palairet for Nicobars. —

Sailed Sloop George Thos. Reason for Bandarmalanka. —

Sailed Snow Neptune Andrew Kerr for Pegue. 19

Sailed Ketch Betsey John Griffin for Bengal with General Letter to the President and Council dated yesterday. —

Arrived Sloop Nancy Daunaya Syrang from Ingeram. 20

Received by Tappies General Letter from Fort St David dated 19th Instant. 21

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SATURDAY THE 22D.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVR. PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.	CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.	ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.	WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
	CHAS. BOURCHIER.

MR. JOHN SMITH *absent.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated 17th. Instant read and signed.

General letter from Fort St. David read.

N. 30. General Letter from the Deputy Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. David, dated the 19th. Instant acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 2d. 3d. 8th. & 11th. Instant and acquainting Us that agreeable to our Directions they have communicated, our sentiments to Colonel Adlercron and they enclose us Copy of his Reply and desire our Directions and till they receive them, they will continue the supplies for the Regiment, That Colonel Adlercron desires to know the value of a Pagoda in Sterling Money, and the Commander of the Train has desired to know at what Rate he may have Money out of the Cash for Bills. That they have sent 35 Seapoys to Tellicherry on the St. George and have agreed to pay the Commander 5 fans. ℔ day for their Passage. That there are 124 Invalids on that Establishment, and that Buccanjee having presented them Bills from the Commissary for Twenty three thousand Pagodas the Payment of which will leave them bare of Money, They therefore desire a supply.

2 Lacks of Rupees to be sent to Fort St. David and an Answer to their foregoing Letter.

Agreed that two Lacks of Rupees be sent to Fort St. David by the first sea conveyance, and that the Gentlemen there be directed to inform Colonel Adlercron and the Commander of the Train that we are order'd to supply them out of the Company's Cash with what sums they may want for the publick Service at the Rate of six shillings and six Pence the weighty Dollar, and that as the Price of Dollars is fluctuating, so the value of the Pagoda will vary.

Mr. Cooke desires another Committee to examine the torn & damaged Cloth.

Letter from Mr. Thomas Cook read as entered hereafter, requesting that another general Committee may be appointed to view the torn and damaged Cloth by the Condition of which he doubts not but it will abundantly appear that neither he nor the Gentlemen at St. David are the guilty.

Granted & The Board to meet at the sorting Godown Monday Morning.

The Board being willing and desirous to give Mr. Cooke all reasonable satisfaction in regard to the said Cloth, it is Agreed that the whole Board do meet on Monday morning next at 9 O'clock at the sorting Godown to view the same and that Mr. Cooke have Notice to be there present.

Captn. Baron desires an Advance for the Ship Winchelsea.

Letter from Captain Christopher Baron of the Ship Winchelsea read as entered hereafter, Requesting an Advance of Fifteen hundred Pagodas to purchase Provisions & Necessaries for the said Ship.

Granted.

Agreed that Fifteen hundred Pagodas be advanced to Captain Baron accordingly on Charter Party Terms.

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STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
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CHS. BOURCHIER.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Mr. Secry. Du Pre having notified to me by Letter under dated the 17th. of this Month, That your Honour &ca. have determined to dispose of the Fort St. David damaged Cloth on Tuesday the 25th. unless taken by me in the interim at the full Price it cost the Company, In answer to which I take Leave to acquaint you as my Intention is to procure your Permission for returning to Europe on the Ship Winchelsea now on dispatch am equally desirous with your Honour &ca. to have the account speedly settled and adjusted in any Manner that you may think requisite This your Honour &ca. will I hope interpret as a Proof of my submission, and that I am no ways inclined to dispute whatever may seem your Pleasure but though I consent to satisfie you in the Difference, suffer me to say that neither I nor any other Person at St. David are the guilty which If I could be indulged in the Appointment of another General Committee I have no doubt but the Condition of the Cloth will abundantly testifie.

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Humble Servant
Thomas Cooke.

Fort St: George
20th. Febry. 1755.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr:
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St: George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Money brought out for the service of the Ship Winchelsea being all expended, I am under a Necessity to request Your Honour &ca. Council will be pleased to advance me Fifteen hundred (1500) Pagodas on the Terms of the said Ships Charter Party to purchase Provisions, Stores and other Necessaries.

I am respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servant
Christopher Baron.

Fort St: George.
the 22d. Febry. 1755.

Sailed Snow Three Brothers, Patrick Joyce for Pegue. 23

do. Sloop Fortune John Jones for Fort St. David. —

Pursuant to Resolution of last Consultation all the Members of the Board who were then present being assembled at the Sorting Godown and Mr. Cooke being also present, the St. David Torn and damaged Cloth is produced and examined, and Mr. Cooke's Remarks thereon being heard, it is the unanimous Opinion that the Report of the Committee 24

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read in Consultation the 12th. Augt. is just, and the Orders of Consultation made in Consequence thereof whereby Mr. Cooke is made answerable for the Damage is therefore confirm'd as it is impossible now to determine by a view of the Damage where it happened. The Cloth is thereupon order'd to be sold at Outcry for Mr. Cooke's Account.

24 Received by Tappies Genl. Letter from DeveCotah dated 18th. Instant.
— Do. do. do. Fort St. David dated 21st. do.
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25 Received by the hands of Tonneveroy Pillah & Cawn Moodelair Genl. Letter from Fort St. David dated 13th. Febry.
— Received by Peons General Letter from Ingeram dated 6th. ultimo.
— Do. by Peons Genl. Letter from Negapatam dated 17th. Instt.
26 Arrived Ship Prince Edward Henry Wedderburn from Bengal.
— Sent by Tappies Genl. Letter to Fort St. David dated this day.
27 Sailed Snow Fanny Thos. Warner for Bombay.

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Present

THURSDAY THE 27TH.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR: GOVR. PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.	CHAS: BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.	ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR: WYNCH.	WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.	CHAS: BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated 22d. Inst. read and signed.

General Letters read, Vizt.

Gen. Letters read from DeveCotah. No. 31. from Mr. Charles Hopkins Chief of DeveCotah dated 18th. Instant, acknowledging the Receipt of our Letters of the 16th. Janry. and 6th. Instant assuring us of the utmost Frugality in the Repairs of that Place and that he will undertake none but what are necessary for it's security, That the Cartel for returning Deserters was proclaimed there the 10th. Instant, Enclosing his Monthly Accounts for January.

Fort St. David. N. 32. 33 and 34 From the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David, The first dated the 21st. Instant accompanying their Annual Letter and advising that the late bad Weather having retarded the curing of their Cloth they can't dispatch the Arcot Snow before the 25th. That they have discoursed the Merchants about a proper Abatement on the turned out Cloth and they will only consent to 2½ Pags. ℔ Corge tho' 12 Pags. would be barely sufficient, They have therefore rejected it. The Second is also dated the 21st. Instant being their Annual Address and containing a Summary of the Transactions at that Settlement in the last year digested under the usual Heads. The Third is dated the 13th. Instant, and serves only to advise that Tonneveroy Pillah and Cawn Moodelaire wait on Us with their Accounts.

Ingeram. N. 35. from Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram dated the 6th. Instant, serving only to accompany Duplicates of his last and the Accounts of that Settlement for the last Month.

Negapatam. *N.B.—This is a Duplicate. N. 36. from the Governour & Council of Negapatam dated the 17th. Instant serving to enclose a Letter for us which came to their hands * from Batavia.

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Letter from the Mayors Court read as enter'd hereafter Representing that an Order of Court having been made the 11th. Instant, for depositing with the Company sundry Effects belonging to the Estate of Solomon Salomons, and nobody having yet appeared to receive them they are obliged to represent that such Delays may be attended with bad Consequences, and desiring that it may be avoided in future. Letter from the Mayors Court relating to Deposits.

Letter from Mr. Dawsonne Drake read, as enter'd hereafter, setting forth that altho' he hoped his Letter to Us of the 24th. Septr. Enclosing the Doctors Certificate of his bad Health would have convinced Us that his not complying with our Orders was owing to no other Cause, yet as no Answer was returned thereto he has endeavoured to collect in his Affairs in order to proceed to Europe this season, but not having been able to effect it he therefore requests Leave to stay in India till he can settle them, and finding his Health much mended he is desirous of continuing in the service whilst he remains in India. Letter from Mr. Dawsonne Drake desiring to be continued in the Service.

Agreed that Mr. Drake be continued in his present Employ of Upper Searcher at the Sea Gate. Granted.

A Certificate read from the Accountant General dated 17th. Instant, that by virtue of an order of the Mayors Court dated the 11th. Instant, The Register is to deposit the following Articles with us on account of the Estate of Solomon Salomons a Bankrupt Vizt. Effects to be deposited from the Mayors Court on Accott. Solomon Salomons.

L ℜ N. 10 @ 14 Five Chests of Rough Coral.

F.H. N. 1 One Chest containing 13 Bundles Grosesas.

do 2 One Chest 13 do. do.

do 3. One Chest containing 11 Bundles Grosesas.
7 Mizaneys.

℔ N. 1. One Chest containing 21 do. Wormeaten Grosesas.

S 1. One do. 10 do. Amber Beads.

One small Box containing 16 Bundles of Mizaneys.

One small Box mark'd F. N. 1 containing 7 Emeralds and another Parcel of Emeralds poiz 27½ Carrats.

One small Box containing 20 small, and 2 large Pearls and 19 Lasks.

Order'd that the said Effects be received into the Treasury and placed to the Account of the Accountant General and a Receipt for the same is now signed by the Committee of Treasury.

George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master reads that Account for last Month, Ballance then due from the Mint One hundred and seventy Eight (178) Madrass Pagodas which are now paid in, and to the Mint Thirty one Current Pagodas and Fifteen Cash (31–0–15) which are now paid him. Monthly Accounts read. Vizt. Mint.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper reads that Account for last Month Ballance then due from him six thousand Eight hundred and six Pagodas ten fanams and sixty six Cash (6806–10–66) which is carried forward. Import Warehouse.

Henry Powney Sea Customer reads that Account for last Month Ballance then due from him Two thousand one hundred and ten Pagodas twenty nine fanams and twenty four Cash (210–29–24) which is carried forward. Sea Customer.

Robert Orme Export Warehousekeeper reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due from him Three thousand three hundred and seventy Eight Pagodas sixteen fanams and sixty five Cash (3378–16–65) which is carried forward. Export Warehouse.

Alexander Wynch Storekeeper reads that Account for last Month, Ballance then due from him Three thousand Eight hundred and seventy Eight Pagodas Eight Fanams and Thirty four Cash (3878–8–34) which is carried forward. Storekeeper.

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Land Customer. William Perceval Land Customer reads that Account for last Month Ballance then due from him Four hundred and twenty seven Pagodas fourteen fanams and forty nine Cash (427–14–49) which he now pays in.

Paymaster. Monthly accounts. John Smith Paymaster reads that Account for last Month.

Charges Garrison	Pags.	252	4 65
Hospital Charges		206	20 10
Peons & Servants Wages		482	29 23
Charges General		86	30 40
Charges Extraordinary		434	24 64
Repairs		764	32 51
Fortifications		128	31 55
Poonemalee &c[a]. Villages		19	34 40
St. Thome &c[a]. Villages		21	25 40
Allowance of the Court of Request ...		12	12 —
Household Necessaries		46	16 —
Charges Cattle		66	24 —
Charges Diet		583	12 —
Pags. ...		3107	9 68

Ballance then due from him one thousand six hundred and sixty Pagodas, Eleven fanams and thirty Cash (1660–11–30) which is carried forward.

The Extraordinary Expences in Paymasters Accounts for last Month are entered hereafter.

Mility Paym[r]. John Smith Military Paymaster reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due to him Three hundred and two Pagodas Eleven fanams and Fifty nine Cash (302–11–59) which is carried forward.

Military Storekeeper. Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper reads that Account for last Month Ballance due from him One hundred and twenty Pagodas ten fanams and Eight Cash (120–10–8) which is carried forward.

Journel Parcels. The Accountant lays before the Board the Journal Parcels for December.

Engineer's Account. The Engineer's Account of Expences in Fortifications and Repairs is also laid before the Board.

Advances out of Cash. Agreed that the following Advances be made out of Cash Viz[t].

Advances To the Military Stores. To the Military Storekeeper to defray the Charges of that Employ five hundred Pagodas (Pags. 500).

To the Military Paym[r]. and To the Paymaster. To the Military Paymaster for the Charges of that Employ, Five thousand two hundred and seventy Pagodas, nine Fanams and Fifty Eight Cash (5270–9–58).

To the Paymaster for the Disbursements of that Employ Four thousand (4000) Pagodas.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Cha[s]: Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
A[r]: Wynch.
Will[m]: Perceval.
John Smith.
Ch[s]: Bourchier.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St: George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am directed by the Honble the Mayor's Court to acquaint your Honour &ca. That they did on the 11th. Instant order their Accomptant General to inform You that there were some Chests of Coral and other Effects belonging to the Estate of Mr. Solomon Salomons which they desired should be deposited with the Cash and Effects belonging to the Honble Company, but as no body has as yet appeared to take Charge of those Effects, nor any Notice taken of the abovementioned Order, the Court find themselves obliged to represent that Delays of this kind may be attended with bad Consequences And therefore they desire you would give Directions for the immediate Receipt of the said Coral &ca. and likewise that you will be pleased to take such Measures as may in future prevent the least Delay in receiving the Cash & Effects which may from time to time be ordered by the said Court to be deposited in your hands, agreeable to the Intention of his Majestys Charter.

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble servant

Fort St: George.
25th. Febry. 1755.

Daniel Morse,
Register.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St: George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Notwithstanding I hoped the Letter I had the Honour to write you the 24th. September enclosing Messrs. Monro and Turing's Certificate of my bad state of Health would have induced your Honour &ca. to have beleived my not complying with your Orders was owing to no other Cause, as you was not pleased to signify this to me, I have endeavoured to collect my Affairs into as narrow a Compass as possible in order to take Passage for Europe this Season, but many Accidents have prevented my being able to get in a great part of my Fortune, which may suffer much should I leave India at this time, I am therefore obliged to intercede with your Honour &ca. for Permission to remain abroad till my Affairs are more settled and as it has pleased God to restore me to a better state of health, I am very desirous of acting in any Employ where I can be of service to my Masters for the time I am in India.

I am with the greatest Respect & Consideration.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient & most humble Servant
Dawsonne Drake.

Fort St: George.
28th. Febry. 1755.

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Extraordinary Expences in the Paymaster's Accounts are in the following Particulars January 31st. 1755.

Charges Garrison	Pags.	29	27	43
Charges General		5	16	3
Charges Extraordinary		434	24	64
Repairs		764	32	51
Fortifications		128	31	55
Poonemallee &ca. Villages		19	34	40
St. Thome &ca. Villages		21	25	40
Allowance of the Court of Request		12	12	—
Household Necessaries		46	16	—
Pagodas ...		1464	4	56

Errors Excepted.

℔ John Smith,
Paymaster.

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1 Sailed his Majesty's Ship Bridgwater for Fort St. David with twenty five Chests of Treasure and a General Letter for the Deputy Governour & Council dated yesterday.

— Arrived the Honble Company's Snow Arcot from Fort St. David with Bales and a General Letter dated 23d. Ultimo.

— Sent by Peons General Letter to Negapatam dated the 1st. Instant.

2 Received by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David the 28th. ultimo.

3 Arrived Sloop Musketoe, Moodu Syrang from Fort St. David.

— Received by Peons General Letter from Madapollam dated the 10th. Ultimo.

At a Consultation

Present

George Pigot Esqr: Govr: President.

Stringer Lawrence.	Chas: Boddam.
Henry Powney.	Robert Orme.
Alexr: Wynch.	Willm: Perceval.
John Smith.	Chas: Bourchier.

Monday the 3d.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 27th. Ulto. read and signed.

Hospital reported. Mr. Alexr. Wynch reports that he had visited the Hospital and found no Just cause of Complaint.

General Letters read. General Letters read Vizt.

From Fort St. David. N. 37 and 38. From the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David. The first dated the 23d. Ultimo advising that they consign us on the Snow Arcot 186 Bales, 496 Bengal Maunds & 48 lbs. of Salt Petre, and 29 Candies of Redwood and that the Remainder will follow in a few days by a Country Vessell. That they also send us their Books and Duplicate of their Annual Address. That Captn. Bond being ill they have order'd his Chief Mate to proceed in the Arcot Snow. The other is dated the 28th. of Febry. advising that the Arcot Snow having been detained by contrary winds they send us by her twenty four Bales more and 20 Europeans soldiers That they presented to

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Colonel Adlercron an account of the Stores and Necessaries supplied his Regiment, but he refuses to certify them for what has been already received pretending that he is ignorant of the Quantity but promises to do it for the future. That a Number of Invalids belonging to the Bengal Establishment being desirous of returning home, They desire our Directions.

Genl. Letter from Bandarmalanka read.

N. 39. From Mr. John Andrews Resident as Bandarmalanka dated 10th. Febry. acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 9th. Janry. and assuring us of his Care not infringe the Treaty we advised him we had concluded. Enclosing his Account for January.

Report of the Committee for Enquiring touching Messrs. Boddam and Brohier their Letters.

The Report of the Committee for enquiring into the several Matters contained in the Letters of Messrs. Boddam & Brohier, having been read in Consultation the 31st. October last, and then ordered to lie on the Table to be further considered, being now again read as entered hereafter, the Board after having deliberated thereon are

Resolved

Resolutions thereon.

That neither the Engineer or any other Person do henceforward on any Account raise the Pay or Allowance to any Artificer, Labourer or Cooley without an Order of the Board or an Order in writing from the President.

That the Payments for Materials & Artificers be checked in the Manner prescribed by the Company in their Instructions to Mr. Robins.

That no works or Repairs of any kind exceeding the value of Fifty Pagodas be undertaken without an order of the Board in consequence of an Estimate to be previously laid before them.

With regard to the Conduct of Messrs. Boddam and Brohier The Board are of Opinion

That Mr. Boddam is blameworthy in charging the Company with seven fanams in every Pagoda's Work of Bricks for Bullocks hire more than had been usual here, and altho it is some extenuation of the Fault that it had been customary to charge at that rate at St. David yet as the admitting any Advance of that kind without the Consent of the Board may be of dangerous Consequences, it is Order'd that Mr. Boddam refund the whole Amount of that overcharge being Twelve hundred and forty six Pagodas (Pags. 1246).

That altho an Advantage may have arisen from Mr. Brohier's supplying the Cooley's with Rice and raising the Pay of some of them as an Encouragement, yet the Board are of opinion it was a wrong Measure and ought by no Means to have been done without the consent of the Board as it might open a Door to very bad Practices in future.

Proposals received concerning the investment.

Public Notice having been affixed at the Gates the 3d. of last Month that all Persons inclined to undertake all or any Part of the Company's Investment for the Current year might deliver their Proposals in writing to be laid before the Board this Day. The Secretary now acquaints the Board that he had received four Papers sealed up from different Persons which are now produced and being opened are found to contain Proposals from

Sunca Vencaty Ramah & Vellamoore Vencaty Ragenah Chitty.

Nella Chitty
Yacuncapillah
and
Poncala Narrain Chitty.

Order thereon.

Order'd that the said Proposals be enter'd hereafter for the Information of our Honble Masters, and it is recommended to the Export Warehousekeeper to inform himself of the Characters of Yacuncapillah and Poncala Narrain Chittee who are known and report the Result thereof to the Board.

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Letter from Mr. Eust. Johnson desiring to return to Europe for the Recovery of his health. granted.

Letter from Mr. Henry Eustace Johnson (with a Letter to him from the Doctors) read, as entered hereafter setting forth that having been for Eleven Months past in a very bad state of Health and the Doctors being of opinion that his Return to Europe is necessary for his Recovery, he therefore prays Permission to take his Passage on the Winchelsea, and requests that it may be recommended to the Court of Directors to readmitt him in their service in Case of his Recovery, all which the Board consent to.

Mr. Waldegrave Pelham also desires to return to England Granted.

Letter from Mr. Waldegrave Pelham read, as entered hereafter, Requesting Leave to return to England as this Climate does not agree with him, which is granted.

A sett of Bills on the Court of Directors signed.

A Sett of Bills of Exchange of this Date are now signed drawn on the Honble Court of Directors at their stated Exchange of seven shillings and Eight pence ℔ Pagoda payable at Ninety days sight to Mr. John Starke or order for Thirty four Pounds four shillings and Eight Pence (34–4–8) being in full for Eighty nine Pagods. Eleven Fanams and twenty three Cash, now received into Cash of John Smith Esqr. on acctt. of Richd. Starke Esqr.

Cash Acctt. Read.

The President reads the Cash account for last Month, Ballance remaining, compared with the Chest, Twenty two thousand five hundred and Ninety six Currt. Pagodas two fanams and forty nine Cash (Ct. Ps. 22596–2–49) and seven hundred and Eighty five (785) Madrass Pagodas which is carried forward.

Treasury Accotts. read.

The Treasury Account are also read. The several Ballances being compared and found right are Vizt. Arcot Rupees Two hundred and seven thousand two hundred and sixty Nine, Eleven Annaes and one Pice (A. Rs. 207269–11–1) Madrass Rupees, Three thousand two hundred and thirty five (M. Rs. 3235) Current Pagodas one hundred and fifty three thousand Eight hundred and sixty two Pagodas One fanam and seventy Cash (Currt. Pagods. 153862–1–70) Madrass Pagodas, six hundred and seventeen (617) and Forty Chests and one quarter (40¼) of Silver, All which are carried forward.

Money paid in for Rups. sold & advanced to the Commissary.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in two thousand and seven hundred and two Pagodas twenty five fanams and twenty four Cash (2702–25–24) for Rupees sold which is advanced the Commissary to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Chas: Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Ar: Wynch.
Willm: Perceval.
John Smith.
Chs: Bourchier.

THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH.

Dr:		Pagodas.		
1.	To Ballance brought from last Month's Account.	15682	—	50
,,	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper recd. of him for Rupees sold	21723	31	—
	To Linga Chittee & Subramoney Moodelaire Farmers of St. Thome recd. of them in full for six months Rent of that Cowle due 1st. Decr. last	2000	—	—
,,	To Mootiah Farmer of the Banksall Duty recd. of him in full for six Months Rent due on that Cowle the 1st. Decem. last	200	—	—
,,	To Linga Chittee & Gruah late Farmers of the Paddy Fields & salt Pans recd. of them in full for one years Rent due on that Farm the 1st. Decr. last, at which Time the Cowle expired.	750	—	—
,,	To Chas. Turner Steward, recd. of him the Ballance of his Account Sundries purchased by him for the Admiral &ca. Tables as Consultation the 13th. Septr. last	821	14	—
	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper recd. of him for Rupees sold	43	23	12
,,	To Do. do. do. do. ...	2702	25	24
10.	To Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah & Permal Kellavah Chitty Bettle & Tobacco Farmers recd. of them one Months Rent of that Farm due 1st. Jañry. last	666	24	—
,,	To Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah & Permal Kellavah Chittee Farmers of the Arrack & Wine License recd. of them one months Rent due on that Cowle the 1st. ultimo	333	12	—
,	To Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah and Permal Kellavah Chittee Farmers of the Measuring Duty received of them in full for two Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. ulto.	166	24	—
	To Fines & Forfeitures, recd. of the Mayors Court for Fines levied by them as ℔ their Letter entered after Consultation this day.	5	—	—
	Carried over ...	45095	10	6

CONTRA.

Cr:		Pagodas.		
1st.	By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him to pay the Military	5270	9	58
,,	By John Smith Paymaster advanced him for the Charges of that Employ	3000	—	—
,,	By Linga Chittee advanced him for the Purchase of Madrass Pagodas as ℔ Consultation the 30th. Ultimo	21850	—	—
3	By Batta paid Captain Latham of his Majesty's Ship Tyger ¼ ℔ Ct. Freight on Treasure sent by that Ship to Fort St. David the 28th. ultimo Vizt. On 200,000 Rupees On 25000 Pagodas	197	22	69
,,	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him for the Charges of the Troops abroad	2702	25	24
17	By House in Charles street, paid Messrs. Lopez and De Castro for the Purchase of it as ℔ Consultation this Day	6000	—	—
17	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad ...	10405	14	48
22	By Account Current London advanced Captn. Christopher Baron on Charter Party Terms to purchase Provisions & Necessaries for the Ship Winchelsea as ℔ Consultation of this Date.	1500	—	—
28	By Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that Employ.	500	—	—
,,	By George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master paid him the Ballance of Current Pagodas in that Account for last Month	31	5	—
,,	By Madrass Pagodas for the Mint Jañry. Ballance M. Ps.	178	—	—
		51635	—	54
,,	By Ballance carried to next Month's Account.	22596	2	49
		74231	3	23

Dr:

		Pagodas.		
	Brought forward ...	45095	10	6
17	To Robert Orme Export Warehousekeeper recd. of him on acctt. Rice sold	4000	—	—
,,	To Alexr. Wynch Storekeeper recd. of him on his Running Account	3000	—	—
17	To Henry Powney Import Warehouse recd. of him for Rupees sold	5405	14	48
,,	To Rayal Pundat Renter of the Poonemalee Country recd. of him in part of six months Rent due on that Cowle the 1st. ultimo ...	16000	—	—
,,	To Linga Chittee & Gruah late Farmers of the Company's old Garden recd. of them six Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Decm. last at which time the Cowle expired ...	125	—	—
28	To William Perceval Land Customer, recd. of him the Ballance of that Account for last Month	427	14	49
,,	To George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master recd. of him the Ballance of that account for last Month ...	178	—	—
	Starr or Currt: Pagods. ...	74231	3	23

Cr:

	Pagodas.		
Starr or Currt: Pagods. ...	74231	3	23

Errors Excepted

George Pigot.

Madrass Pagodas.

Dr:

Febry.

		Pagodas.		
1.	To Ballance brought from last Months Account.	607	21	35
28.	To the Honble Company's Cash for the Mint Janry. Balla.	178	—	—
	M. Pags. ...	785	21	35

Cr:

		Pagodas.		
Febry.				
28.	By Ballance carried next Month's account ...	785	21	35

Errors Excepted

George Pigot.

Treasury Accounts.

Arcot Rupees.

Dr:

1755.		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
Febry. 1.	To Ballance brought from last Month	504041	14	9

Cr:

1755.		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
Febry. 1.	By Import Warehousekeeper delivered him for sale	40000	—	—
2.	By do. do.	26110	—	—
3.	By do. do.	10161	7	8
17.	By do. do.	20000	—	—
28.	By Fort St. David ℔ Ship Bridgwater ...	200500	—	—
	By an Over Credit in last Month	—	12	—
		296772	3	8
	By Ballance	207269	11	1
		504041	14	9

Errors Excepted
℔
George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.

Silver.

Contra.

Dr:

1755.		lb.	Oz.	Jwt.
Febry. 1.	To Ballance brought from last Month 40¼ Chests.	11708	4	10

Cr:

1755.		lb.	Oz.	Jwt.
Febry. 28.	By Ballance carried forward 40¼ Chests ...	11708	4	10

Errors Excepted
℔
George Pigot.
Henry Powney
Robert Orme.

MADRASS RUPEES.

Dr:				Cr:			
1755.				1755.			
Febry.				Febry.			
1. To Ballance brought forward	3235	—	—	28. By Ballance carried forward	3235	—	—

ERRORS EXCEPTED

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.

MADRASS RUPEES.

Dr:				Cr:			
1755.				1755.			
Febry.				Febry.			
1. To Ballance brought forward	617	—	—	28. By Ballance carried forward	617	—	—

ERRORS EXCEPTED

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.

CURRENT PAGODAS.

Dr: 1755.		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.	1755.		Cr: Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
Febry. 1.	To Ballance brought forward	144862	1	70	Febry. 1.	By the Honble Company's Cash ...	11000	—	—
2.	To Import Warehousekeeper received of him.	7000	—	—	28.	By Ballance	153862	1	70
21.	To do.	13000	—	—					
		164862	1	70			164862	1	70

ERRORS EXCEPTED

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.

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To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esq^R^.
President and Governour &c^A^. Council
of Fort S^T^: George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having made a very strict Examination into the Subject of the two Letters addressed to your Honour &c^a^. by Captain John Brohier Engineer and M^r^. Charles Boddam Paymaster, and the several Allegations on both sides, we now lay before you the Result of it with our opinions thereon, as your Honour &c^a^. have been pleased to direct, We shall accordingly begin with our observations on M^r^. Brohiers Letter as M^r^. Boddam's is properly an Answer to it And

With Regard to the Affirmation in his first Paragraph Viz^t^. " That Colonel Scotts Assertion of the Works being carried on in an expensive Manner " is justly grounded, Partly from the Materials being furnished by the Paymaster at his own Price, excepting Wall Bricks, without Check or Control " We have spared no Pains both to find out the Prices charged by the Paymaster for the several Materials the Company's works have been furnished with, since M^r^. Boddam's being in the Management of the Employ and what they were rated at his Predecessors before and since the Place was taken by the French, from whence it appeared to us that the Principal Articles such as Bricks & Chunam of all kinds, sand, Clay, Palmeiras, Reapers &c^a^. are charged at the usual Rates and no higher than for several years past others purchased at the Banksalls and the Bazar are at various Prices sometimes high and some times low according as there has been an Importation of & Demand for them, and we can't learn are higher rated by the Paymaster than they have in general sold for at these Places. Timber & Plank have indeed been extremely dear which your Honour &c^a^. must be well convinced of from what was bought by Order of Council of the owners of the Neptune Snow and another Vessell or two for the Company's Use in the year 1752 and it does not appear to have been higher priced than it sold for before and since that Time, As our scrutiny into these several Particulars did not point out to us that our Honble Masters had been charged more in the Purchase of the Materials, (except Timber & Plank already taken Notice of) for the Works than at any time heretofore even before the Place fell into the hands of the French, when by Experience in our private Capacities we find every Thing in general was much more reasonable than at present, or that they might have been supplied in a cheaper Manner, We thought it requisite to desire Captn. Brohier would give us some Instances in support of what he had advanced. His answer to this was, That as he had not been invested with any Publick Authority to object to the Prices charged by the Paymaster we must acknowledge it as our opinion that it appears to us he is not deserving of any Censure with Respect to this Circumstance.

The second Paragraph is a Complaint of the Exorbitant Prices charged for all Bricks out of the common Dimensions, we have examined into the Reasons urged by M^r^. Boddam in his Letter for there being so which appear very just, as we are well assured the Brick Cutters are paid more for moulding them than the Common sort, That the least Crack or Flaw subjects them to be rejected (& thereby saleable only as Turn'd out Bricks) and there is also great Loss by Breakage in the Kilns. The Paymaster's Accounts for the year 1742 & thereabouts shew they are rated now at the same Prices they were which we think clears M^r^. Boddam of having acted unwarrantably herein. The whole Expence of these Bricks as he takes Notice since he has been Paymaster amounts to only Pag^s^. 123–18–22 & Can't have been any considerable Addition We imagine to the Charge of the works.

Paragraph 3^d^. asserts that the Wall Bricks order'd to be made by Colonel Scott were of the same size as M^r^. Boddam agreed with M^r^. Robbins at S^t^. David

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to deliver at 1500 ℔ Pagoda, which notwithstanding were reduced to near their old Dimensions in the space of Eighteen months, In explaining this Particular Captain Brohier says the Reduction of the Bricks which was chiefly in Point of Thickness regards only those made at Fort S^{t}. David as when Directions were sent hither for providing a Quantity in readiness for the Works, No Orders were given to enlarge them so they were continued of the old Dimensions, From hence it is evident as M^{r}. Boddam has advanced, that those ordered to be made here by Colonel Scott were of an extraordinary size, since M^{r}. Brohier has acknowledged only the smaller sort were ever made herebefore, which being rated at only 1500 ℔ Pagoda as well before the Place was taken as since, it seems a natural conclusion that the enlarging the Dimensions must have enhanced their Price, And as the Company were supplied with the same Number of the large as the small ones for a Pagoda, We think there is some weight in what M^{r}. Boddam has urged that the Scarcity & Dearness of wood here would not allow him to deliver them so cheap as at S^{t}. David.

The 4th. Paragraph sets forth that although new Moulds were made of a proper Size for the Bricks with allowances for shrinking many still are short of those Dimensions by the Brickmasters [Brickmakus?] artfully scooping out the surplus clay that rises above the Moulds with their hands as they make no use of Boards to scrape it off. Upon questioning the People attending the Kilns concerning this Particular, we are assured that it has ever been usual with the Brickmaker's to scrape off the surplus Clay with their hand tho' Attempts have been made to perswade them to the use of a Board, and as it is very certain the Natives in general are so prejudiced in favour of their Antient Customs, that it is with greatest Difficulty they can ever be prevailed on to deviate from them. We are inclined to imagine that may be a prevailing Argument with the Brick Cutters to persist in making use of their hand in Preference to a Board But at the same time Regard ought to be paid to what Captain Brohier says further on the subject which is, That by scooping off the Clay with their hands there becomes a Hollow in the surface of each Brick that in the Quantity of a Kiln diminishes very considerably the substance of Clay to be burnt, from what it would be was there no Defect in the Bricks and of course, a less supply of Firewood is necessary This he does not charge M^{r}. Boddam with, having given any Orders about, or being acquainted with; But apprehends it to be a Contrivance of the Inferiour Servants that attend the Kilns that they may charge more Firewood than is really expended, and we think it a Circumstance highly necessary to be remedied, M^{r}. Boddam positively assures us he never had the least conception of this Deceipt, till it was taken Notice of by Captain Brohier.

The fifth Paragraph remarks that the Advantage the Paymaster claimed when at S^{t}. David of cutting Firewood at DeveCotah free of Custom to the Renter, ought to have reduced the Price of Bricks there instead of augmenting it for before the Place was taken they were cheaper than afterwards, In this we thought it very reasonable to be of Captain Brohiers Sentiments, but informing ourselves of M^{r}. Wynch (who was M^{r}. Boddam's Predecessor in the Paymaster's Employ at S^{t}. David) of the Reasons for what is alledged when the Paymaster had that Indulgence, we are assured by him the only Advantage that arose from having the wood from DeveCotah was the certainty of large supplies which was particularly serviceable in expediting the works as what brought from the inland Country frequently was impeded in the Road and came in sometimes in only small Quantities which put a stop to making Bricks, but with regard to Price, the Expence of cutting and Freighting the DeveCotah wood made it turn out rather dearer than what came from the Country And this seems to us a plausible Reason for the raising rather than lowering the Price of Bricks after DeveCotah was taken.

In the 6th. Paragraph Captn. Brohier acknowledges himself sensible that the Charge of making Bricks here is greater than at S^{t}. David, but intimates

that the Honble Company was not credited with all the Firewood which fell in the November Storm 1752, as this Intimation we thought required to be further explained, We desired Captn. Brohier would do it, He did so by acquainting us he acknowledged the Information he received of it was from Comrapah Moodelaire the Governour's Conicoply since deceased who told him he had been engaged in a Dispute with Mr. Boddam, to which of them it belonged as a Priviledge. Mr. Boddam positively averrs he never had the least Discourse with Comrapah on the subject neither did he give his People any orders to gather it or did they, except a small Quantity from beyond the Mount, which from the Distance it was brought he has Reason to believe the Expence of the Carriage as well as cutting must have made it turn out to him as dear as the wood purchased here, besides the Trouble, Captn. Brohier seems to be of the same sentiments with regard to the Price; Wherein we likewise concurr, and must further observe, That we don't think the Company were justly entitled to all the wood that fell in the storm, and indeed to but a small Proportion, as Numbers of People are possessed of Gardens & Groves within their Limits who had an undoubted Title to the Wood blown down therein, and the remaining Part of the Company's Districts are farmed out.

In the 7th. Paragraph, Captain Brohier represents that he apprehends the exclusive Right the Paymaster had of supplying the Inhabitants with Bricks and Chunam at what Price he pleased, has made him ample amends for any sums advanced by him on that Manufacture, though it has been urged he is constantly in Advance to the Company for procuring the Materials wanted for the Works; The other Articles, such as Timber, Plank, Palmeiras &ca. bought of the shipping he was engrossed thó not entirely for the works, and that the Company for two years past have been constantly in advance to the Paymaster for above half which time the Ballance in his Hands exceeded any supplies the works ever received. Mr. Boddam in his Reply to the first Particular positively affirms he was under large Advances for Materials of all kinds for the works, and the sole Priviledge of supplying the Inhabitants with Bricks and Chunam has not made him amends, for instead of their being charged, as is asserted at what Rates he pleased, there is a fixed Price upon them which indeed on Bricks has lately been raised, as their Dimensions have been encreased. On this we must observe there is Reason to be persuaded, We think, of the Reality of Mr. Boddams assertion that he has been much in advance for Materials of all kinds, for as the works required, constant and large supplies, it may be justly imagined, but few would have been furnished had not considerable sums been distributed by him to the Brickmakers, & those who provide Chunam as well as other Articles in the Country, and the Works have suffer'd infinite Impediments thereby, for which without doubt he would (and deservedly we are of opinion) have been deemed culpable. The large Quantities of Materials that remained in his hands when the Committee were appointed for supplying the Works with them and have since been dispoed of, as well as the sums the Committee have already had for the Provision of those Articles appear to Us corroborating circumstances that there was even an absolute Necessity for his being considerably in Advance By the exclusive Right granted him (which was no more than all his Predecessors were allowed) of supplying private Persons with Bricks and Chunam, an advantage we think must have accrued, tho' as he has averr'd giving 1500 of the large sized Bricks for a Pagoda to the Company was more than he could afford, it is probable his Gains were little above sufficient to ballance the Account, Altho' the Price on the Bricks to the Inhabitants was raised in consideration of their being of the large Dimensions, as he declares he should have otherwise been a sufferer by them, and we cannot say we have found any Reason to contradict this Assertion. To disprove that Part of the same Paragraph, where Mr. Brohier

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accuses him of having engrossed sundry other Materials bought out of the shipping, such as Timber, Plank, Palmeiros &c^{a}., M^{r}. Boddam quoted some Instances of others being Purchasers, and Captn. Brohier himself, This reduced us to the Necessity of applying to Captain Brohier to be more particular on this Head, when he related to us an Instance in regard to some Palmeiras, imported by a Country Boat, it was as follows, That being one Day in Company with Captain Maskelyne, a Boatman came there to dispose of to him some Palmeiras', accordingly Captain Maskelyne entered into an Agreement with him for a Quantity for his Buildings @ 11 Pagodas ℔ 100, but before they were delivered, he told Captain Maskelyne he could not possibly stand to his Bargain being order'd by the Paymaster's Conicoply not to sell them as they were wanted for the Company's use and in consequence they were taken by M^{r}. Boddam from whom Captain Maskelyne purchased the same Palmeiras at twelve Pagodas ℔ 100. M^{r}. Boddam in answer to this affirms, his servants had no Orders from him to store any Palmeiras in the Company's Name, but acknowledges he has dealt in them and that his Conicoply had bought some for him at the sea Gate and very culpable if to induce the seller to part with them to him in preference to others he had taken upon him to say they were wanted for the Company for it was entirely of his own accord; The Conicoply being sent for, and questioned about the Matter, declared when he made the Purchase it was wholly in his Master's Name, and no mention made they were wanted for the Company's Use; as there were no Evidences produced, we could get no further Proof against the Conicoply; nevertheless must remark that as he had at times before bought and paid for many Articles for his Master as Paymaster, it was very natural in the Boatman to imagine (tho' it might not have been mentioned) that he then was also contracting for his Master in the same Quality and that the Palmeiras were intended for the Company, & for that Reason deviated from his Agreement with Captain Maskelyne. We are therefore of Opinion both this Conicoply and all Servants belonging to the Gentlemen in Station in the Service should be strictly enjoined to be particular in declaring under what name they make any future Purchases, otherwise it may be productive of many bad Consequences. With regard to the other Articles mentioned to have been engrossed Captain Brohier says he has not given himself the Trouble to Collect any Instances thereof (as he never intended to assume the character of an Informer) But has heard great Complaints from the Inhabitants in general of the Difficulties they laboured under in getting Timber and Plank, which in our way of thinking carries with it no Proof that they had been engrossed by the Paymaster, and we are rather of Opinion it must have proceeded from the scarcity of it then in the Place, from but a trifling Importation, as the Company about that time had occasion for most part of what was brought for sale Captn. Brohier acknowledges he purchased the Eagles Cargo of Captain Moor and has still a great Part of it on hand but that this happen'd only about 7 or 8 Month's ago after M^{r}. Boddam was plentifully, supplied and large quantities were expected from Batavia, and elsewhere, However as M^{r}. Boddam urges, it is certainly a Proof that he has not engrossed the Timber and Plank brought to Market here.

In the 8th. Paragraph Captain Brohier makes a further objection to what is mentioned by the Paymaster of his being in Advance, and we think it not an improper one altogether, for it is certain for such articles as are procured from the Banksall's & Buzar, There is no Necessity for his being longer in advance than from the Time one Consultation is held till another, however it must be allowed he ought to have some Cash in hand to discharge the daily Demands that are made as well for other Current Expences as what regard the works, and this there is an Instance of in the Draughts on him for Materials bought of other Persons to the value of upwards of three thousand Pagodas (which are certified by Captain Brohier, but that Gentlemen assures us he did

so as to their Quantity and not with Regard to their Price, and Mr. Boddam declares he is ignorant who fixed the latter and knows nothing more of them than observing they were certified he paid for them) moreover as a Consultation seldom happens on the first day of the Month and sometimes not till near a week after, was he not to have a Ballance remaining with him he would be obliged to disburse his own Money till he could have a supply from the Board. But Mr. Boddam solemnly protests to us that altho' the Ballances which Mr. Brohier takes Notice exceeded any supplies the works ever received (To expedite the carrying them on all that lay in his Power) he has on an average been in Advance much larger sums than those Ballances, for the Articles alone of Bricks and Chunam, exclusive of the amount of other Materials remaining on his hands and Money outstanding for procuring more, in Proof of which is ready to produce his Books if it should be thought necessary. It appears very evident that from the Paymaster's Books we have seen for some years before this Place was taken by the French, the Paymaster at the End of the Month was generally in Advance to the Company a small sum, but in those times there were no such Demands for Materials of all kinds, and consequently the monthly Disbursements and his stock on hand could have been but trifling in comparison to what they are and have been, ever since the commencement of the Works, We are therefore of opinion that can be deemed no Reason against the Paymaster's having a Ballance in hand in the present situation as keeping the Works supplied in the best Manner he was capable of ought to have engaged his utmost Attention, and in which his being assisted with a constant Advance from the Company was no more than was requisite, of the whole amount of Materials which Mr. Boddam is said to have supplied being Pags. 27857–35–25 He declares several have been purchased unknown to him of other Persons and as before observed the Major Part certified by Captain Brohier, besides which sundry others to the amount of upwards of three thousand Pagodas were provided by the Company's Conicoply from the Banksalls & Buzar, and to the best of his Knowledge at prime Cost, so that only the Remainder was in Reality what he supplied himself, for the Particulars of which he referrs to a List annexed to his Letter. He also persists in his first Assertion that the Timber & Plank he purchased himself, bore that a trifling Proportion to the other supplies, for out of the whole amount thereof included in his accounts which is Pags. 3819–14–0 to the value of Pagodas 1972–33–33 were brought of other hands, and these last two Circumstances the said Lists he has delivered in which we have inspected, testify As Captain Brohier has farther declared in the same Para. of his Letter that some country Timbers and other Articles have been charged by the Paymaster at his own Price, we judged it necessary to require an Instance of it, He replied as before the Like Circumstances in the preceeding Part of this Report Vizt. That as he was invested with no publick Authority to check his Accounts, it was in his Power to rate them as he pleased, but does not say he had done it in an unjust Manner and as he likewise in another place says that he leaves it to the Judgment of the Board whether all the Materials have been charged at the lowest Price they could be had, which may be thought an Insinuation of the Reverse; we must take the Liberty of troubling your Honour &ca. with a Repetition of what we have already related with Respect to this Particular, to wit, That we have done our utmost to learn what are and have been the Prices of every Article and have no Reason to think they have been overrated in the Paymasters accounts with the Company, altho' Mr. Boddam in his Reply has advanced, the Company's Conicoply had assured him that the Materials he had provided were paid for in the Presence of the Engineers Conicoply, The latter averrs that he had seen discharged only the Amount of some and with regard to the rest is entirely ignorant if they were ever paid for nevertheless upon our reading over to him every Article singly and asking his opinion of their Prices, He assured us he beleived them to be the same as they really cost at the Banksalls and Buzar of which he said he had some knowledge having made frequent Purchases himself from thence.

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In the latter Part of his Eight Paragraph Captain Brohier observes, that the Batta on the Fanams which is not taken Notice of in the Purchase of Materials or of the Bullock hire of Bricks, Sand and Clay &c^{a}. has been an Encrease of charge to the Works of Pag^{s}. 982–19– in two years, And likewise in his ninth Paragraph, That the Cooley hire being cast up at 36 fanams to the Pagoda has swell'd the Article of workmanship more than it would have been if cast up at 43 fanams the Current Exchange, and thereby encreased the apparent charges of the Works in two years to Pag^{s}. 3861–31– we cannot but allow these observations to be very just, and as the whole Amount of Fanams disbursed on account of workmanship, and Materials within the two years has

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been at 36 to the Pagoda	291410	7	73
The Difference in casting them up at 43 to the Pagoda makes just the two sums Captain Brohier specifies and together Pag^{s}. 4844–7– But as the Paymasters Accounts which we have inspected, demonstrate that he has been paid out of the Company's Cash in fanams at the Rate of 36 to a Pagoda to the Amount of Pag^{s}.	26200	—	—
In reality the Difference has been no more to the Company by the Batta than what has arose on the Exchange of	3210	7	73

And from what we have further to remark, it will appear, We imagine, not to be even that, tho' it has been a considerable apparent charge to the Works as set forth by Captain Brohier, for it is very certain that the Exchange has but seldom within these two years been at 43 fanams & generally between that and 42, moreover though Captain Brohier has made out an account of fanams to a large amount in the supplies of Materials received of the Paymaster, and cast them up at 43 to the Pagoda, many Articles were paid for by him in Gold and whenever the Company were supplied with so small a Quantity (which is often the Case in trifling Repairs) as came to the value of only a Quarter or half a Pagoda he charged for the same in his Accounts at the Rate of no more then 9 & 18 fanams reckoning a Pagoda at 36 which We conceive must greatly lessen if not wholly clear off the Difference arising on the Exchange of the said Pagodas 3210 disbursed on fanams by the Paymaster over and above the Number paid him out of Cash, and seems evident to us, as we imagine it will to your Honour &c^{a}. that the Paymaster has had a very trifling if any Advantage from this Particular.

In the 10th. Paragraph Captn. Brohier contradicts Mr. Boddams Assertion that the Pay of Labourers has swelled the Expence of the works by being encreased to half as much more by M^{r}. Robbins and declares only the Pay of the Overseer of the Works, and the principal Overseer's or Workmen that distinguished themselves by skill or Activity was raised and that to serve as an Example to others to merit it.

And in the Eleventh, he allows that some women Coolies who usually received but half a Fanam were paid a whole one (as it was found they could earn it in consideration of their using large Baskets to bring Ground for the Glacis at S^{t}. David and this was the whole Increase that had been made in the Pay. M^{r}. Boddam in Reply referring it to the Board's Experience and Judgment whether the Pay to Artificers has not been raised one moiety at least within these few years. We searched the Paymaster's Accounts both before and since the Place was taken to be certified of this Matter, by which it appears there has lately been an Increase to some of the Artificers Captain Brohier having declared M^{r}. Robins had not done it, we thought it necessary to desire Information of him who had, He replied it was himself, and for the following

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Reason That finding on his Arrival here some of the Workmen were very diligent in their Business and capable of acting in quality of Directors of particular Branches of Work, as these were but few, he judged it for the good of the service to raise their allowances, not only as a Recompense to them but an Encouragement to others to improve themselves in like Manner, for the consequence of delivering a Piece of work into the Charge of an unskillful Person might require it to be under and begun again. That to some of the Hammermen who had exerted themselves & worked laboriously an Increase had also been made, and to the hire of Men Cooley's a Quarter of a Fanam had been added to encourage them to resort here, and this with the Governor's Consent, He further mentioned that, on his coming hither observing the two Maistree's or Head Bricklayers had, besides a Monthly allowance of a Pagoda and an half each, two fanams each ℔ day, He order'd the latter to be struck off and that they should receive two Pagodas a peice ℔ month and this instead of augmenting was a Diminution of their Pay upon all which We must make this observation that the Arguments urged by Captain Brohier make it evident that what he has done therein was extremely necessary thought at the same time We think it should have been first represented to the Board for their consideration, and Approval, before it was fixed, as indeed ought all concerns, tho' but trifling that relate to the Company.

Paragraph the twelfth represents that the Bullock hire on the Chunam being paid in Fanams, the Batta on the Exchange of Pagodas amounts to in the two Years Pag^{s}. 326–24– as this Article, we find was paid for in fanams and is included in the Account of those disbursed by the Paymaster to the amount of Pag^{s}. 26200, It appears to be no real charge to the Company as is more particularly shewn in the Remarks on the 9th. Paragraph of Captn. Brohiers Letter.

The other Intimation at the End of the 12th. Paragraph of the 5 ℔ Cent advance on the Chunam, M^{r}. Boddam does not deny having received This we learn from the Enquiries we have made, is no more than a Priviledge enjoyed by his Predecessors for a great Number of Years past, and is granted by the People who engage to deliver the Chunam as an equivalent for the Inconveniencies and Losses he is subject to by wastage, and otherwise in the Advances made in the Country, for providing it as the Company are entirely exempted therefrom, paying for it only as brought into Town and then without any Advance on the Country Price. We are therefore of Opinion M^{r}. Boddam cannot be deem'd culpable in accepting the same as it might be looked on by having been so long practised, an Advantage appertaining to the Employ.

In Paragraph the 13th. Captain Brohier asserts that good Bricks have been carried to the Inhabitants thó very fit for the Company's Use, and that the Works evince the Bricklayers at the Kilns have not done their Duty, thó M^{r}. Boddam seems to put a stress on their being thereto sort out the best for the works. However he excuses them from Blame entirely as the Kilns are at a great Distance and they cannot be accountable for any Exchange that might be made in transporting them from thence, nor certain if what they pick out and send for the works are really carried there or not, He does not positively say it is the case, but that it may be so and that many Lacks of bad Bricks, which would have been rejected had there been Plenty of better, have been made use of thro' the want of them. M^{r}. Boddam in his Answer still insists that the foregoing is an injurious Assertion and makes use of some Arguments to prove it so, To enable us therefore to form a proper Judgment on what was advanced on both sides, we desired they would relate to us such further Circumstances as they might be acquainted with regarding the Matter, Captain Brohier peremptorily averrs that he had himself seen at different times a considerable Number of Bullocks loaded with extraordinary good Bricks going from the Road leading to the Kilns into the very center of the black Town & Colonel Scott was in company with him more than once & an Eye witness of it also,

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Mr. Boddam solemnly declared himself to be entirely ignorant thereof, and Captn. Brohier does not charge him with the contrary, nay allows that it may have been done without his Privy by his Servants who are entrusted with the Distribution of the Bricks. This being the Result of our Enquiry, we are to observe upon the whole, That we are of Captain Brohier's Opinion with Respect to excusing the Bricklayers at the Kilns, especially as the Distribution of the Bricks after they have sorted them does not come under their Management but other Persons, and also as to any Exchange that may have been made in the way, as the Distance is considerable and they are obliged to give constant attendance at the Kilns, We dont find the least Proof that Mr. Boddam gave any orders or Permission for the black Inhabitants being supplied with any good Bricks, and therefore are induced to concurr also with Captain Brohier that the servants may have taken upon them such a Liberty without his knowledge not unlikely we think, on account of some particular Attachments or other Considerations which we have great Reason to beleive People in their Stations the Natives of the Country are very prone to; we have however been very assiduous to get a knowledge of it, by examining all kinds of People that have any connections with the Kilns, but to no Purpose for they all protest themselves entirely ignorant and we have no circumstantial Evidence to the contrary, except what has been already alledged by Captain Brohier, that he saw Bullocks loaded with them going into the Black Town.

The 14th. Paragraph contains an accusation of Mr. Boddam's having charged the Company seven fanams extraordinary in each Pagoda's worth of Bricks since June 1752 which till that time was paid by the Paymaster and for these two years past has amounted to Pagodas 1246 – – as may be seen by the Paymasters Books, Mr. Boddam acknowledges it and Excuse alledges that being allowed it at St. David he did not imagine any objection could be made to it here, and if any one will contract to furnish Bricks cheaper than he has done, not including this Charge, he is ready to submitt to any allowance the Board shall judge requisite, But we cannot concurr with him that what he has offered are arguments of sufficient weight for laying such a Charge upon the Company without Application to, and the Permission of the Board.

In the 15th. Paragraph Captain Brohier mentions that with Regard to the Storekeeper's charging for Materials supplied the Company at the same Price he has sold them to the Inhabitants of the Place. It is certainly at his own Price without Check, for himself has not yet had a Power to object to the Price of any furnished by him or the Paymaster thó he conceives Colonel Scott did not mean that those supplied by the Storekeeper were charged at an exorbitant Rate, but that it might be so, if no Check was appointed to look into it, which we are of opinion sufficiently vindicates the Storekeeper, and it is therefore unnecessary for us to say any thing on the subject.

With Regard to what is represented by Captain Brohier in the 16th. Paragraph that the Company's Instructions for his inspecting the Paymaster's Accounts had not been complied with since July 1753 till when it was done, and is therefore unacquainted if his Accounts delivered into the Board monthly agree with the Paymaster's, Mr. Boddam thinks it an Inconsistency as at the same time he delivers in an Abstract of Ballances from the Paymaster's Accounts to December 1753, and from whence could he Collect them but from his Books, Mr. Brohier answers that since the Resolution of Council in July 1753 That the Materials for the works should be again under the Care of the Paymaster and Storekeeper and delivered out by them as required, agreeable to the Practice before Mr. Robins arrived (instead of being in the Charge & supplied by the Engineer, this seeming to be a much more regular Method of bringing them to an account) The Paymaster's regular Accounts were never tendered to him, but about the Middle of the Month, one of the Conicoplies used to attend him from whom he collected what had been expended the preceeding one which being

so long after they had been made use of it was then out of his Power to check them in a proper Manner and he had therefore not done it since the time before mentioned, and that the Opportunity he got of a late Order of the Governour's, for the Accounts being delivered him as he had requested it, Mr. Boddam assures Us he gave particular Directions that his Accounts should be carried to Captain Brohier as usual, till he was told by his Servant Captain Brohier had refused to receive them, This Captain Brohier absolutely denies, The servant being then called upon declared he carried the Books as customary to Captain Brohier's Conicoply who told him as an order had passed in Council that the Engineer was to deliver in his Accounts separately to the Board every Month when the Paymaster's were also read, his Master had acquainted him it was no longer necessary to sign them as he had done. This being supported by only the bare word of the Paymaster's Servant, we think it an argument of very little Force for discontinuing to comply with the Honble Company's express Directions and cannot but acknowledge Mr. Boddam culpable in permitting it to have had any Weight with him, for even had Captain Brohier really objected to signing his Accounts as it is said, We imagine That would not have been thought a proper Excuse for it's not being performed, but that he should have represented the same to the Board, and desired their Orders upon it. We must also here observe, That as Captain Brohier in this Paragraph has expressed the Paymaster's Accounts had been inspected by him and pass'd agreeable to the Company's Orders till the Time they were omitted to be carried to him, it seems a contradiction to what he has asserted in some of the preceeding Parts of his Letter Vizt. That not being empowered to check the Paymaster's Accounts he was at Liberty to Charge them as high as he pleased.

The 17th. & 18th. Paragraph's being the Conclusion of Captain Brohier's Letter & containing no further allegations against the Paymaster or Storekeeper we shall now proceed to take Notice of such Particulars as are Necessary in Mr. Boddam's Reply, and first, with Respect to the considerable sums he alledges to have been disbursed, which not being under his Management have been passed over in silence Vizt. Fitting up Egmore Ridoubt for a Powder Mill amounting to Pags. 7307–13–4) Repairing Triplicane Bridge to Pags. 1573–9–73 and the Engineer's Clerk's, Assistants &ca. to Pags. 1986–2–4 in two Years. Captain Brohier being accordingly desired to explain those Particulars, acquainted us that after the Estimate of the Expence of erecting the Mill was laid before the Board it being judged necessary to encrease the Dimensions of the Pestles and Mortars for beating a large Quantity of Composition at a time, the Brass work alone came to a considerable Proportion of the Amount of that Estimate besides which several Buildings were added that at first did not appear to be wanted and were not included in the said Estimate as may be easily seen by surveying the Mill and the Buildings adjacent, Timber & Plank being also then infinitely dearer than at present, and the Materials of the Portugueze Church (many of which had been taken for that service) were rated according to the state of the Market at that time which was not very reasonable and these Circumstances have occasioned the Expence attending erecting the Powder Mill to be so much beyond what was at first proposed; as to Triplicane Bridge he said of the Materials sent there for carrying on it's Repairs, several were washed away by the Freshes and otherwise destroyed in the Storm to the Amount of Pagodas 319–30–76 and some Bricks that had been left there for the same Purpose, were afterwards brought and made use of in the works, The value whereof was Pags. 97–12–50. which reduced the real Expence it had cost from the sum it stood on the Books of Pagodas 1573–9–73 to only Pags. 129–3–67 The Charge of his Assistants &ca. We judged it unnecessary to make any Enquiry into, as it appears so plain on the Books and by the Accounts delivered in by Mr. Boddam, However we must acknowledge we think it not so reasonable as it might be as Mr. Boddam mentions there are besides several Conicoplies &ca.

included in the Cooley Account. What he has declared concerning the Disbursements on the Powder Mill and Triplicane Bridge, We have had no Reason to doubt but might have arrived at a greater Certainty of the Matter had exact Estimates been deliver'd into the Board before those works were recommended, We therefore take the liberty of recommending it as Very necessary that the Order of Consultation to that Effect be enforced.

We questioned Captain Brohier very minutely on what Mr. Boddam has advanced about his distributing Rice to the workmen and Cooley's in lieu of Pay, He said that being solicited by them to be supplied with Rice, He represented it to the Governour for his Consent and Orders that it might be delivered out of the Company's Godowns, but he objected to it, alledging it would give great Opportunities for Embezzlement to the Conicoplies, upon which as the People repeated their Importunities on that head, He took upon him to furnish them himself at the dailey Price of the Buzar assuring them at the same time that such who disliked it might object and receive their Money as a few did at first tho' very soon after changed their Minds and desired to fare the same as the rest, but not from any compulsive Means as has been suggested by Mr. Boddam and if any were corrected it was for neglect of Duty. Accordingly the Artificers and Cooleys engaged on the Company's Business, were served with Rice every other day from the 8th. of March 1753 to Ulto. May 1754, He then produced us his daily Account of Persons employed by which it evidently appeared, that the Months when Rice was served the Number was superiour to those preceeding, and some time near twice as many. He owns that a Tax was made (but with the Governour's Approval) upon the Gardens, Salt Pans and Villages about the Bounds and upon a moderate Calculation; the Inhabitants and Farmers agreed to supply the Works with 825 Persons ℔ day upon an average, but what came never exceeded 121 and for five Months of the Eighteen there was not one, He acknowledges he was guilty of an Error in mentioning that he purchased the Rice from the Company's Godowns having since found he had only from thence a trifling Quantity for the use of his family as Mr. Boddam has asserted. As we apprehend there is no Room to doubt that the several accounts are genuine presented us by Captain Brohier in Testimony of what he had declared, we think it a very more numerous at the time Rice was served, they looked upon it as an Advantage especially as they were at Liberty to reject it If they were so disposed, but being issued to them at the Buzar Price where could they go to have it more reasonably? The inconsiderable Number of People sent from the Gardens Salt Pans, & Villages, tho' the Proprietors had consented to furnish 825 dailey, serves as a Proof that what Mr. Boddam mentions to have been complained of by the Salt Farmers was without Reason, and upon the whole We must say we are of opinion that the Distribution of Rice has undoubtedly been useful to the Company and an advantage to Captain Brohier, which we do not complain of, as the Loss of Interest on his Money and Wasteage thereon are heavy Articles; However we cannot excuse him entirely for taking such a step without first having the Board's Permission to whom had it been properly represented & appeared of that service as it now seems to have been or to the Governour when first mentioned to him, it can't be doubted both he & they would readily have consented to it and the Company have likewise reaped the Benefit that it is reasonable to imagine Captn. Brohier has now done.

We cannot omitt mentioning Mr. Boddam's Request that it may be determined by the Board what connections the Engineer and Paymaster are to have together and if the latter is to pay an implicit Obedience to the former to obviate any further Differences between them; nor can we think otherwise than he does of the Necessity of having one or more Persons to be a General Check as well over the Carpenters Yard and every other Place where any of the Company's Business is carried on, as over the Paymaster, we therefore presume to

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recommend it to your Honour &c^{as}. Consideration to appoint such for as M^{r}. Boddam takes Notice, the head Bricklayer being first Overseer & Teller of the Cooleys it is no difficult Matter for him at the close of the Day to introduce amongst them such as may have been employed by him on private service, which We understand He and the Carpenter still continue to engage in tho' in direct Breach of a positive Order of Consultation, having we are well assured lately given a thorough Repair to a House belonging to the Estate of Coja Petrus in Choultry Gate Street. It also appears to us necessary to become a Resolution of the Board that no alterations shall be made in the hire of any Artificers or Labourers whatever, or that any Repairs or works be set about without their Permission is first obtained, for if that is not the case the Company are liable; we apprehend, to be led into many considerable & needless Expences.

This being the Substance of our Enquiry into the Particulars alledged against each other by Captain Brohier and M^{r}. Boddam, it only remains with us to assure your Honour &c^{a}. We have not been wanting in our utmost Endeavours to attain the most perfect knowledge of every Circumstance, in which we hope we have so far succeeded as to merit your Approbation, being with Respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^{t}. humble servants.
HENRY POWNEY.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{s}. BOURCHIER.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
29TH. OCTOBER 1754.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

As you were pleased to affix publick Advertisements at the several Gates of this Place for the Information of all substantial Merchants that Leave would be granted to any of them to contract for the Company's Investment, provided their Proposals were delivered in, on or before the 3^{d}. day of March next, We therefore beg Leave to offer these our Proposals which are as follow Viz^{t}.

Collawapores.[1]	Quality.	Quantity.	When to be delivered.	Price.
N. 1 ..	Chay Goods..	30 Corge ..	1st. August ..	Pag^{s}. 26 ℔ Corge.[2]
1 ..	do. ..	40 do. ..	28th. Febry ..	do.
N. 2 ..	do. ..	30 do. ..	1st. August ..	Pag^{s}. 24 6 ℔ do.
2 ..	do. ..	30 do. ..	28th. Febry ..	24 6 ℔ do.
Sastracundies [3]				
N. 1 ..	Chay Goods..	30 do. ..	1st. August ..	27 18 ℔
1 ..	do. ..	30 do. ..	28th. Febry ..	27 18 ℔
N. 2 ..	do. ..	30 do. ..	1st. August ..	25 21 ℔
2 ..	do. ..	30 do. ..	28th. Febry ..	25 21 ℔
Romalls [4]				
N. 1 ..	Chay Goods..	12 Corge ..	1st. August ..	39 15 ℔
1 ..	do. ..	13 do. ..	28th. Febry ..	39 15 ℔
N. 2 ..	do. ..	12 do. ..	1st. August ..	37 — ℔
2 ..	do. ..	13 do. ..	28th. Febry ..	37 — ℔
		300 Corge.		

SUNCA VENCATY RAMAH.
VELLAMORE VENCATY RAGANA CHITTY.

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1 Collawpores—a kind of flowered chints.
2 Corge = A bale or lot containing twenty pieces.
3 Sastracundies—These cloths take their name from a place called 'Sastrakunda'—[*Hobson-Jobson, page* 708].
4 Romalls—Towels or Kerchiefs [*Hobson-Jobson, page* 769].

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To the Honble George Pigot Esq^R^.
President and Governour &c^A^. Council
of Fort S^T^. George.

The Humble Petition of Nella Chittee

Sheweth

That as your Honour &ca. were pleased to advise by a Paper affixed at the Gates, for Persons to make their Proposals in Regard to the Company's Investment for the Current Year, your Petitioner takes the Liberty to propose that he is ready to furnish the Company with 1000 Bales of Calicoes in twelve Months time, of the same Sort, Size and Goodness as those now provided at Cuddalore, which shall be delivered at DeveCotah with an Abatement on Long Cloth one Pagoda ℔ Corge, on Sallampores half a Pagoda ℔ Corge on the Company's Price allowed at present at Cuddalore.

The Company may with very little Trouble forward the said Bales from DeveCotah either to Madrass or Fort S^t^. David as they shall think proper, There being several Weavers near DeveCotah, who are under your Petitioner's Command, as they are largely indebted to him, he therefore hopes he will be able to provide the above Quantity of Goods; This Affair was intimated to Governour Saunders, who deferr'd it till the Country is settled, as there is a Peace at present your Petitioner Recommends the foregoing to your Honour &c^a^. Consideration.

And Your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray.

Nella Chitty.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^R^.
President and Governour &c^A^. Council
of Fort S^T^. George.

The Humble Petition of Poncala Narrain Chitty

Sheweth

That lately there was an Order to provide the Goods for the Honble Company any one whom they think proper your Petitioner most humbly begs this Honble Board that if your Honour &c^as^. Order to provide the Long Cloth ordinary he would procure about 300 Corge ℔ year according to the Agreement & Price of the Company's Merchants, Your Honour &c^a^. will please to pay the Money after what Goods he brought into the Warehouse, Your Petitioner will encrease to provide the Goods for the future.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^R^.
President and Governour &c^A^. Council
of Fort S^T^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I humbly beg Leave to acquaint your Honour &c^a^. that the several Sorts of Callicoes to be provided by me for the Company from 1^st^. March 1755 Viz^t^.

Long Cloth Veerandaporam	...	...	...	400 Bales.
D^o^. Ordinary 8 call.	...	...	...	400 d^o^.
Sallempores * Midling				
				1000 Bales

* Salempoory or Sallampore—a kind of printed or spotted cotton cloth, some times white [*Hobson Jobson*—page 784].

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which I shall deliver in brown as ℔ musters of the Company on the 30th. of next February, and if your Honour &ca. would please to order the other Merchants not to provide the said Sortments I shall endeavour to make ready fifteen hundred Bales together with Long Cloth of 9 calls, and I desire that your Honour &ca. will please to stop 6000 Pagodas out of the next Advance, which will ballance on my account, and I would give the Security to the Company for that Purpose, and also I will be answerable for the Sortments in brown out of the Callicoes provided by me, and in case the Company should not agree according to the Price of the Contract then I shall deliver in an Account of the Prime Cost with charges & shall take the Brokerage.

Sallempores 1st. Sort 9 Calls.	@	Pags. 22	℔ Corge.
2d. do.	@	21½	℔ do.
3d. do.	@	21	℔ do.
Long cloth ordy. 1st. Sort	@	44½	℔ Corge.
2d. do.	@	43½	℔ do.
3d. do.	@	42½	℔ do.
Ditto Veerandaporam 1st. Sort.	@	46	℔ Corge.
2d. do.	@	45	℔ do.
3d. do.	@	44	℔ do.
Ditto of 9 Calls 1st. Sort.	@	47¾	℔ Corge.
2d. do.	@	46¾	℔ do.
3d. do.	@	45¾	℔ do.

I am

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. & humble servant

YACUNCAPILLAH.

FORT ST. GEORGE
28TH. FEBRUARY 1755.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Having been for the last Eleven Months in a very bad state of Health and continuing in the same melancholy condition; the Doctors are of Opinion nothing but going to Europe can preserve my Life. I request therefore you would permitt me to take my Passage on the Winchelsea Captain Baron and give him an order to receive me & my Necessaries on board, and shall be greatly obliged to you if you'll be pleased to represent to the Honble Court of Directors the Necessity of my going home, and my Desire of returning in their Service (should I recover).

I am

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. Humble Servant

HEN: EUST: JOHNSON.

FORT ST. GEORGE
3D. MARCH 1755.

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Mr. Johnson.

Sir

We received your Epistle intimating your intention of taking your Passage on the Winchelsea to England. We approve of your Resolution as no doubt you have a better Chance of being re-established in your Health by so doing than if you should remain in this Country any longer. We wish you a good voyage and are

Sir

Your most Humble servants

Andrew Munro.
Robert Turing.

Fort St. George
3d. March 1755.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Finding the Country does not agree with me I must beg your Honour's &ca's. Permission to return to England on the Winchelsea Captain Baron.

I am

Honble Sir & Sirs

with great Respect

Your most Obliged humble servant,

Waldegrave Pelham.

Fort St. George
3d. March 1755.

Arrived Sloop London Henry Kerr from Fort St. David.	4
Do. Brigantine Diligent, Gournamel from Pondicherry.	...
Sailed Narsimoulu, Narrain for Metchlepatam.	...
Arrived Ship Fort William Henry Hunt from Malacca.	5
Received by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 3d. Instant.	...
Arrived Snow Fortune John Inglis from Fort St. David.	6
Do. His Majesty's Ship Bridgwater Captn. William Martin from Fort St. David.	...

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THURSDAY THE 6th. AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVR. PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.	CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.	ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.	WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.	CHAS. BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 3d. Instant read and signed.

General Letter from Fort St. David read.

N. 40 General Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David dated the 3d. Instant read advising the Arrival there of the Bridgwater with the Treasure consigned on her. That they send us their Monthly Accounts and are sorry they have not been able to do any Thing to the Dragon Sloop, but shall set about getting her off as soon as the Monsoon shifts. Enclosing Roll of Invalids.

Mr. Cooke desires to proceed to England ℔ Winchelsea & to give Security in regard to the torn & damaged Cloth.

Letter from Mr. Thomas Cooke read as enter'd hereafter Requesting that the Account of the torn and damaged Cloth may be adjusted that he may pay the Difference or (agreeable to what we wrote to Fort St. David) give Security for the Payment in Case the Company should insist on it. That Mr. Wynch will in such Case give his Bond for the same and as he has been suspended the Service, he requests Permission to proceed to England on the Winchelsea to clear up his Conduct to his Employers and that therefore the Commander may be ordered to receive him, his Family and necessaries on board.

Granted. Draught of the General Letter to England approved.

Agreed That Mr. Cooke be permitted to proceed to England on giving the security he proposes, to abide by the Determination of the Court of Directors.

Draught of the General Letter to the Honble Court of Directors to go by the Winchelsea is now read and approved.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

As the Sale of Fort St. David damaged Cloth for which I am made answerable is now ended, am necessitated to request the Account may be speedily adjusted that I may satisfy you in the Difference. The former President and Council in Answer to my Request for referring the Affair to the Company's Decision, wrote to St. David " That if I would give Security to

abide thereby it should be complied with.'' To which I promised them I wou'd, and thank'd them for the Indulgence. If therefore the like Method can be dispensed with by your Honour &c^{a}. The Money shall be deposited in the hands of Alex^{r}. Wynch Esq^{r}. who will by Bond oblige himself to pay it into the Company's Cash on Receipt of any Order from them to demand the same. Could this be consented to I shall esteem it a Favour, if not am ready to pay in the Amount immediately Requesting thereon as I have the Misfortune to stand suspended the service that your Honour &c^{a}. will be pleased to admitt of my proceeding to Europe on the Ship Winchelsea, there to clear up my Conduct, before my honble Employers, for which Purpose I now sollicit your Order to the Commander to receive me, my Family and Necessaries on board and am with much Respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed^{t}. H^{ble}. servant

THOMAS COOKE.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.
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Arrived Ship Ojanare Tibjee Noquedah from Pegue. 7
Sailed Sloop London Henry Kerr for Bengal. 8
Sailed Brigantine Diligent Goumarnel for Metchlepatam. 9

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY THE 10TH

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}. GOV^{R}. PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.	CHA^{S}. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.	ROBERT ORME.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.	WILL^{M}. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.	CHA^{S}. BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 6th. Inst^{t}. the 6th. Instant [*sic*] read and signed.

Report of the Winchelsea's Crew and Warlike Stores.

The Paymaster and Captain of the Train deliver in as entered hereafter, their Report of the Winchelsea's Ammunition and Warlike Stores and Muster of her Crew.

Money paid into Cash for Permission of Passage p^{r} Winchelsea.

The following sums are now received into Cash for Permission of Passage to England on the Winchelsea Viz^{t}.

Of M^{r}. Thomas Cooke for himself Thirty Pagodas ...	30
Of D^{o}. for M^{rs}. Cooke thirty Pagodas	30
Of M^{r}. Henry Eustace Johnson thirty Pagodas ...	30
Of M^{r}. Waldegrave Pelham Thirty Pagodas	30
One hundred and twenty Pagod^{s}. ...	120

Letter from Captain Christopher Baron relating to his Dispatch.

Letter from Captain Christopher Baron read as entered hereafter, Purporting that the thirty Days since he delivered his Protest expires this day and that he proposes to sail tomorrow unless we enter into a new Agreement with him as proposed in his Letter of the 10th. Ult^{o}.

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Dispatches ℔ Winchelsea signed.

The following Dispatches are now signed.

General Letter to the Honble Court of Directors.

General Letter to the Governour & Council of St. Helena.

Sailing Orders to Captain Christopher Baron of the Winchelsea all dated this day.

Order'd that the Packet be closed and delivered to Captain Baron with his Dispatches this Evening.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

In consequence of the orders signified to us by Mr. Secretary Dupré we have mustered the Company belonging to the Ship Winchelsea commanded by Captain Baron having also surveyed the Artillery & Ammunition as ℔ Lists annexed, We are of opinion the said Ship is able to proceed for Europe.

We are
Hoñble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble & obedient servants
JOHN SMITH.
JOHN BROHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE.
MARCH THE 10TH. 1755.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I beg Leave to acquaint you that the thirty Days since I delivered in my Protest, expires this day, and at the same time to let you know that I shall sail tomorrow, without you will enter into a new Agreement as proposed in my Letter bearing Date the 10th. of Febry past.

I am most respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servant
CHRISTOPHER BARON.

FORT ST. GEORGE.
MARCH THE 10TH. 1755.

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Sailed the Honble Company's Ship Winchelsea Christopher Baron for England. 12

Sailed Snow Don Carlos, Carre Ballee for Ingeram. —

Sailed Ship Swallow, John Widdrington for Bengal. —

Arrived Snow Canterbury Harty Hart from Fort St. David. —

Received from Fort St. David by the Kitty Snow arrived there, General Letter from the Supravizor and Council at Fort Marlbrō and one from Mr. John Pybus the Supravizor both dated 9th. September last. —

Sailed Ship Prince Edward, Henry Wedderburn for Bussorah. 13

Sailed Snow Canterbury Harty Hart for Bengal. —

Received by Peons Genl. Letter from Vizagapatam dated 18th. Uto. —

Sailed Snow Fortune John Inglis for Bandarmalanka. 14

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVR. PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.	CHAS. BODDAM.	
HENRY POWNEY.	ROBERT ORME.	FRIDAY
ALEXR. WYNCH.	WILLM. PERCEVAL.	THE 14TH
JOHN SMITH.	CHAS. BOURCHIER.	

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

General Letters read. Genl. Letters read.

N. 41. From the Supravizor & Council at Fort Marlbrō dated 9th. September serving only to enclose a Duplicate of their last dated 24th. August. From Fort Marlbro.

N. 42. From Mr. John Pybus Supravisor at Fort Marlbrō dated 9th. September, Enclosing Duplicate of his Last dated 24th. Augt. and advising that Letters from Cawoor give them hopes that the Danger of the small Pox is past, the Girl who had it having been dead three weeks and no Appearance of any Infection being spread. That they are in dailey Expectation of the Storeship which has been arrived at Batavia seven weeks and that Mr. Hindley (late Deputy Governour) died the 5th. September. From the Supravizor at Fort Marlbro.

N. 43. From Mr. Roger Carter Resident at Natal dated 29th. Jaňry. advising the Arrival there of the Prince George and that he had landed from her all the Iron & as much of the Salt as could be stowed in the Godowns, That Captain Ormston informed him he had been obliged to put in at Sinkell and Tappanooly to repair a Leak, but that he has been informed by the Officers of the Kitty Snow who was then at Sinkell they did not observe her to be in any bad situation which he has represented to his Superiours at Marlbrō. Enclosing two Letters from Marlbrō addressed to us, and advising that the Arabians belonging to that Garrison having been discharged in October last take their Passage hither on the Kitty Snow. From the Resident at Natal.

N. 44. From Mr. John Lewen Smith Provisional Chief &ca. Council of Vizagapatam dated 18th. Febry. acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 9th. Ultimo and assuring Us of their punctual observance of the Articles of the Treaty, We communicated to them, and acquainting Us that having been under a Necessity of supplying Nabob Mahomed Mohien Cawn's Family with Rice out of the Company's Store to the Amount of Pags. 440, which at their departure they were unable to pay for, and therefore they request Leave to write the same off to Account Presents. Enclosing their Monthly accounts, and requesting a supply of Pagodas, their Ballance being very small. From Vizagapatam

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Vizagapatam to be wrote to and Money sent Vizt.

Agreed that the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam be permitted to write off the Rice supplied, Nabob Mahomed Mohein Cawn's Family to Account Presents, and that a supply of Ten thousand Madrass Pagodas be sent them on the Hartop Snow, And that Ten thousand Madrass Pagodas be also consigned to them by the same Vessell, half for the use of Ingeram Factory and half for Madapollam.

10,000 MPs. to Vizagm. 5,000 to Ingeram 5,000 to Madapm.

A Commission to be drawn out for Mr. Pybus as Deputy Govr. of Fort Marlbro.

ORDER'D that a Commission be drawn out appointing John Pybus Esqr. Deputy Governour &ca. of Fort Marlbrō agreeable to our Advices to our Honble Masters by the Winchelsea dated 10th. Instant.

Import Warehousekeeper reports a considerable quantity of the woollen Goods in the Godowns to be damaged.

Letter from the Import Warehousekeeper read as entered hereafter representing that a considerable Quantity of the Woollen Goods in the Godown is much damaged and eat full of Holes by an Insect which breeds in the Cloth, That part of these Goods have been in the Warehouse between four & five years and Part have been offer'd to sale, but without Effect, He also observes that Woollen Goods are subject to the like Damages in Europe, for on opening a Bale of imbossed Cloth imported ℔ Ilchester 1754 several Pieces appeared to be worm eaten.

Messrs. Powney, Smith & Bourchier Committee to examine the woollen Goods & report.

AGREED that Messrs John Smith and Charles Bourchier with the Assistance of Mr. Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper be a Committee to examine the state and Condition of the woollen Goods in the warehouse and report the same to the Board.

Mayors Court request an advance of Cash.

Letter from Mr. Daniel Morse Register of the Mayors Court read, as enter'd hereafter, Requesting an advance of three hundred Pagodas to defray the necessary charges of that Corporation.

Granted.

ORDER'D that it be advanced accordingly.

Merchants Proposals for the Investment considered.

The Proposals made by several Merchants as enter'd after Consultation the 3d. Instant, being now taken under Consideration, and Enquiry having been made into the Characters and Circumstances of Yacundapillah and Poncala Narrain Chitty (two of the Proposers who have never yet had any dealings with the Company) upon the whole the Board see no Cause to vary in any Respect from the opinion which they have already given on this subject to the Court of Directors in the 22d. Paragraph of the General Letter by the Winchelsea dated the 10th. Instant to this Effect, that the Goods Sunca Ramah &ca. Merchants offer to contract for, are such as We are under no Difficulty about and may be had on the same Terms from any of the other Merchants. That Nella Chitty's Proposals cannot be admitted without interfering with the Fort St. David Investment as it has already been determined in Consultation upon mature Consideration that it can by no Means answer to provide Goods at DeveCotah without a very considerable Advantage in the Price. That Yacunpillah being a Person of no Distinction, substance or Credit it does not seem adviseable to leave in his hands at the year's End so large a Ballance as six thousand Pagodas or indeed any Ballance at all. That Poncala Narrain Chitty's Offer seems calculated to raise his Credit as a Company's Merchant, and althō no great Advantage can reasonably be expected from a Person of his character, Yet as the Company cannot be sufferers by his undertaking as he is to receive no Money till the Goods are delivered it is AGREED to receive and pay immediately for whatever Quantity he may bring in of the proper Sortments.

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No other Proposals besides those abovementioned having been made the Board are of opinion that it will be most for the Companys Advantage to employ the old Merchants whereupon they are called before the Board and acquainted with the present Resolution, to which they replied that tho' they observed with Concern our present inducement for employing them is that no other Persons of sufficient substance will undertake the Investment yet they have at the same time the satisfaction to find or at least to hope that the ineffectual Tryal we have now made carried with it full conviction that the Profits arising from this Undertaking when compared with the Hazard of it are not so inviting as might have been imagined. That they are however ready to do their best for the Company and will exert themselves to the utmost of their Abilities. And thereupon Tellisinga Chitty &c^{a}. Merchants Requesting an Advance on account of the Investment.

10,000 Pag^{s}. advanced to Tellisinga Chitty & ca.

AGREED that Ten thousand Pagodas (Pag^{s}. 10000) be advanced them accordingly.

Intt. to be paid on the Female Orphans Stock.

AGREED that three hundred & Sixty Pagodas (360) be paid to Father Severin in full for one years Interest due the 21st. Ultimo on six thousand Pagodas deposited in the Company's Cash at six ℔ Cent for the Benefit of the Female Orphans.

Company's Washers pay in Part of their Ballance.

Robert Orme Export Warehousekeeper pays in for Mare Gruapah &c^{a}. Washers Four hundred and thirty Eight Pagodas thirteen Fanams (438–13) in part of the Ballance due by them to the Company.

Linga Chittee pays in Mads. Pagodas in full of his contract.

Linga Chitty pays in Twenty thousand (20,000) Madrass Pagodas in full for twenty one thousand Eight hundred and fifty Current Pagodas (21850) advanced him as ℔ Consultation 30th. Janry to purchase Madrass Pagodas at 9¼ ℔ Cent.

Rents paid in of Poonnemalee Country.

Royal Pundat Renter of the Poonemalee Country pays in two thousand (2000) Pagodas in further Part of six Months Rent due on the Farm the 1st. Janry. last.

Poonemalle Jagueer.

Rayal Pundat Renter of the Poonemalee Jagueer pays in one thousand seven hundred and fifty Pagodas (1750) in full for five Months Rent due on that Farm the 1st. Janry. last.

Seven Magans of Tripossore.

Pustponatha Nayenar Renter of the Seven Magans of the Tripossore Country pays in three thousand Pagodas (3000) in Part of six Months Rent due on that Farm the 1st. Ultimo.

Rents paid in of Chingalaput. &

Oppajee Nayenar Renter of the Chingalaput Country pays in six thousand Pagodas (6000) in part of six Months Rent due on that Farm the 1st. Ultimo.

Mannamangolum.

Oppajee Nayenar Renter of the Mannamangolum Country pays in Three thousand (3000) Pagodas in part of six Months Rent due on that Farm the 1st. Ultimo.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHA^{S}. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^{R}. WYNCH.
WILL^{M}. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA . BOURCHIER.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esq^R^.
President & Governour &c^A^. Council
of Fort S^T^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

By Examining the Woolen Goods I find a considerable Quantity damaged by an Insect which breeds in the Cloth and eats it full of Holes notwithstanding care has been taken to put it into the sun at proper times, I am informed that some of these Goods has been in the Warehouse between four and five Years and Part has been put up to sale by me but no Body would bid for them. I beleive Woollen Goods in Europe are subject to the same Damages by Worms & Moths after being kept some Years, but I must observe that a Bale of Imboss'd Cloth imported 1754 ℔ Ilchester when opened several Pieces had Holes in them which appeared to be worn eaten. The occasion of this Address, is, That your Honour &c^a^. may give such Directions as you may think proper.

I am with due Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t^. hble. Servant
Henry Powney,
Import Wareh^o^.k^r^.

Fort S^T^. George.
14^TH^. March 1755.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^R^.
President & Governour &c^A^. Council
of Fort S^T^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am directed by the Honble the Mayor's Court to draw upon your Honour &c^a^. for the sum of Three hundred Pagodas to defray the necessary Charges attending that Corporation.

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t^. hble. Servant
Daniel Morse,
Reg^r^.

Fort S^T^. George.
14^TH^. March 1755.

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16 Arriv'd Ship S^t^. Antonia Manoel Fernandes from Macao last from Pondicherry.

— Arrived the Honble Company's ship Kent, George Wilson from Bengal with General Letter from the President and Council dated 16^th^. Febry. and one from M^r^. William Ellis on board the Kent at Ingelle dated 10^th^. Febry.

— Arrived Kitty Snow Stephen Holloway Bunyon from the West Coast of Sumatra.

— Received by Peons General Letter from Anjengo dated 10^th^. Febry.

17 Arrived Sloop Fortune, John Jones from Fort S^t^. David.

— Arrived Sloop Genga Persaud, Govinda Rame from Ballasore.

— Arrived Ship George Herbert Sutherland from Galle.

18 Arrived Ship Compan Crote, Meerjam Hamud from Tenasseree.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVR. PRESIDENT.

HENRY POWNEY. JOHN SMITH. THURSDAY
ROBERT ORME. CHAS. BOURCHIER. THE 20TH.
ALEXR. WYNCH. CHAS. BODDAM.
COLONEL LAWRENCE, MR. PERCEVAL. *absent being indisposed.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 14th. Inst. read and signed.

General Letters read Vizt.

General letters read.

From Bengal.

N. 45. from the President & Councill of Bengal dated the 6th. Febry. acknowledging the Receipt of our Letters of the 26th. November & 6th. December and Acquainting us that they had seen Nothing of the Porto Bello Sloop, but as soon as she arrives, she shall be repaired and returned to Us. That they have laden 5210 Bags of Rice on the Kent on the Company's Account, and six Bales of Sannoes[1]. That Captain Alwright having requested Leave to put on board the Kent such of the Kings Stores as he had not time to deliver at St. David, they had permitted him to do so, That Mr. William Ellis will advise us from Ingellee of what may be necessary on the Dispatch of the ship: Enclosing the Kent's Charter Party.

From Mr. Ellis at Ingellee.

N. 46. From Mr. William Ellis on board the Kent at Ingelle[2] dated 10th. Febry. Enclosing Muster Roll of that Ships Company with a Report of her Ordnance &ca. and Invoice of her Cargo, and advising that he has endorsed off the Bill of Loading 326 Bags of Rice which were not come down from Calcutta. That on a Report of the Officers of the Ship that 300 Bags of the Rice came on board very much damaged, he examined the same and found it extremely bad.

From Anjengo.

N. 47. From George Scott Esqr. Chief &ca. Factors at Anjengo dated 10th. Febry. acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 9th. Jany. acquainting us that they should have been glad had we sent them a Copy of the Treaty concluded with the French that they might have sent it to England. That the Warwick & Hardwick arrived at Bombay 28th. Septr. and the Prince Henry the 25th. December. That the Shaftesbury and Warren left Tellicherry the 19th. for Bombay That the Prince Edward and Sandwich were dispatched from thence for England and the Warwick from Tellicherry & Anjengo. That the York from Bengal touched there the 24th. Janry. and sailed the next day for Tellicherry.

Report of the Remains in the Export Warehouse read.

Robert Orme Export Warehousekeeper lays before the Board a Report (which is read & entered hereafter) of the State of the Remains in the Export Warehouse on his taking charge of the same, whereby it appears that the total of the cloth of all kinds is 3143 Pieces of which Eight hundred and sixty Nine Pieces are free from holes and Part may be fitt to be sent to Europe, six hundred & thirty one (631) Pieces have Holes and are in no wise fit to be sent to Europe but may fetch some Price at a sale here, and the Remainder being one thousand six hundred and forty three Pieces are exceeding bad, full of Holes and Patches, and there being a Deficiency of two hundred and nine (209) pieces of Cloth, the Merchants had made the same Good as it arose from a Confusion in their Accounts with the washers It further appears by the said Report and the Accounts subjoined thereto and entered hereafter that there is a Deficiency of about 5 ℔ Cent on the Rice and Paddy laid in last year for store and a Loss on the sales of Pags. 765–27–40 on the former & Pags. 413–22–29 on the latter. That thirty Tarpaulins remaining are quite worn out and unfit for Use. That the Wastage on fifty Duppers[3] of oyl reduced the Number to Thirty six & one half. That Five hundred and twenty Gunny Bags are rotten and unfit for use &ca.

(1) Sannoes=Sannah, Sannow=a kind of Cotton fabric exported from India.

(2) Ingelle=Hijiliasmall marshy district on the western side of the Hooghely. It is the sea coast of the Midnopore district (Impl. Gazr. Vol. XIII page 116).

(3) Duppers=(Hindustani *dabbah*) A large oval Vessel, made of green buffalohide, which after drying and stiffening, is used for holding and transporting Ghee or oil—Hobson Jobson page 328.

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Resolutions thereon.

AGREED that the 631 Pieces of Cloth and sixteen hundred & forty three (1643) Pieces of Cloth mentioned in the said Report to be full of Holes & unfit to be sent to Europe be sold at Outcry. That the worn out Tarpawlins, the decayed Gunney bags, and the Deficiencies on the Oyl, Rice and Paddy be wrote off to Profit & Loss. That the Tarpawlins be delivered to the Military Storekeeper for various uses in that Employ and that new be made.

Further Report of the Export Warehouse-keeper.

The Export Warehousekeeper also reports that out of six thousand nine hundred and thirty two Pieces of Cloth delivered to the Wash since he has been in Charge of that Employ the torn Cloth has amounted to Two hundred and fifty five Pieces which is above double the Quantity required for wrappers & wax Cloth.

Captain Norway requests an advance of money for the Britannia.

Letters from Captain Nevel Norway read as entered hereafter, Requesting an Advance of Twelve hundred and fifty Pagodas on Charter Party terms for the use of the Ship Britannia.

Granted.

AGREED that the same be advanced accordingly.

Captain Norway requests to have a Deficiency of rice from Bengal remitted.

Another Letter from Captn. Nevel Norway read as enter'd hereafter, Representing that the Cargo of Rice he has delivered here turns out about 3¼ ℘ Cent deficient of the Quantity laden at Bengal, which Deficiency he desires may be remitted as usual.

Granted.

AGREED that Captain Norway be not charged with the Deficiency as it is much less than what is usual on Cargo's of Rice.

Captain Robt. Jackson appointed Commander of the Arcot Snow.

The Command of the Arcot Snow being vacant by the Decease of Captain Joseph Bond, AGREED that Captain Robert Jackson succeed him therein.

A receipt to be given for part of the Britannias Orlop.

The Storekeeper reports that upon receiving the Britannia's Orlop from Captain Norway several Parts of it did not turn out agreeable to the Account transmitted from England tho' the Captain declared it was all he had on board and that he could not stand justified to his owners in receiving less than the Amount of the said Account. The Storekeeper is therefore directed to give him a Receipt only for what Part is received, That the Account may be adjusted in England.

Part of the Kents cargo to be landed here and part at Fort St. David.

AGREED that Part of the Kents Cargo of Rice not exceeding five hundred Bags he landed here, and that Captain Wilson be directed to take the first opportunity of proceeding to S^{t}. David to land the Remainder.

Rupees to be sold.

Linga Chitty to deliver 20,000 M.Ps. in 30 days for Rupees.

The present Ballance of Rupees in the Treasury being more than sufficient to answer the Disbursement in that specie before the Arrival of the shipping from Europe and as the Arrival of the Ships from Manilha (which is dailey expected) would considerably lower the Price of Rupees it is agreed to dispose of a Lack or upwards, and Linga Chittee having proposed to receive to the value of Twenty two thousand Current Pagodas worth at the Rate of 373 Rupees for 100 Curr^{t}. Pagodas to deliver Madrass Pagodas for the same in thirty days at the Rate of 10 ℘ Cent Batta amounting to Twenty thousand (20000) Madrass Pagodas for twenty two thousand (22000) Cur^{t}. Pagodas or Eighty two thousand and sixty (82060) Arcot Rupees AGREED that his Proposal be accepted as a further supply of Madrass Pagodas will be wanted for the Northern Settlements before the Arrival of the Shipping from Europe.

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Mr. Chas. Boddam pays in twelve hundred and forty six (1246) Pagodas for an over charge in his Paymasters Accounts for Bullock hire agreeable to Order of Consultation the 3d. Instant, which is order'd to be carried to the Credit of Fortifications.

Mr. Robert Orme Export Warehousekeeper pays in seven hundred and forty Eight Pagodas thirty two fanams and twenty Eight Cash (748–32–28) for a Deficiency of Cloth made good by the Merchants as mentioned in his Report read in Consultation this day.

Export warehousekr. pays in Money on that Account.

Order'd that twenty thousand (20000) Madrass Pagodas be laden on the Hartop Snow & consigned to Vizagapatam of which ten thousand (10000) are for the use of that Settlement, Five thousand (5000) for Ingeram & Five thousand (5000) for Madapollam [1].

Treasure sent to the Northward by Hartop.

General Letters to the three Northern Settlements are now signed.

Genl. Letters to those Settlements signed.

Order'd that Five hundred Rupees be paid Captain Martin of his Majesty's Ship Bridgwater for Freight of two Lacks of Rupees sent to Fort St. David on that ship, and Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper now pays in that sum from the Treasury.

Freight of Treasure to Fort St. David Bridgwater to be paid, which Sum is now paid in from the Treasury for that Purpose.

Pustponatha Nayenar Renter of the Covelong Country pays in Four thousand (4000) Pagodas in full for six Month's of that Farm due the 1st. Ultimo.

Rents paid in of the Covelong Country.

Pitloor Vencat Kistna and Permal Kellava Chitty pay in the following Rents Vizt.

Six hundred and sixty six Pagodas twenty four Fanams (666–24) in full for one Month Rent of the Beetle & Tobacco Farm due the 1st. Ultimo.

Rents of the Beetle & Tobacco Farm.

Three hundred and thirty three Pagodas twelve fanams (333–12) in full for one Month's Rent of the Arrack & Wine License due the 1st. Ultimo.

Arrack and Wine License paid in.

GEORGE PIGOT.
CHAS: BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AB: WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS: BOURCHIER.

To THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
President & Governor &ca. COUNCIL
of FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Having had the Honour to be appointed to the Charge of the Export Warehouse, I now take the Liberty to present you with a Report of the condition in which I found the Account Remains delivered over to me by Mr. Boddam Copy of which is hereunto annexed.

As the greatest Part of the Cloth was at the wash, I requested that it might be immediately brought into the Warehouse to be examined.

1 Madapollam = applies to a particular kind of cotton cloth and taken from, the name of a place on the Southern Delta branch of the Godavari—[*Hobson—Jobson* page 532].

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On a very strict Examination made by my Assistants, it appeared necessary to divide every distinct kind into three different Sorts which I shall call the First Second and third Sort.

The Quality of the First is, that it is free from Holes and may Part of it turn out fit to be sent to Europe.

Of the Second that it has Holes and is in no wise fit to be sent to England, but may fetch some Price at a sale here.

Of the third, that it is exceeding bad full of Holes & Patches.

I subjoin for your Inspection the quantity & qualities of the Cloth's that underwent this Examination as they turned out to the 1st. 2d. & 3d. Sorts abovementioned.

MADRASS CLOTH.

	1st. Sort.	2d.	3d.	Total
N. 1. Long Cloth ordinary ...	5	20	47	72
2. Long Cloth ordinary Verendaporam[1]	356	260	361	977
3. Long Cloth Midling	194	77	1414	412
4. Long Cloth Ordinary Extraordinary	63	53	165	281
5. Sallempores Ordinary ...	—	—	16	16
6. Sallempores Midling	152	143	771	1076
7. Sallempores Fine	6	—	5	11
Madrass Cloth ...	776	563	1506	2845

FORT ST: DAVID CLOTH.

Remaining after Mr. Cooke's Cloth and the four packed Bales are deducted.				
N. 1. Long Cloth fine (exclusive of a Bale qy. 30 Pieces)	33	6	—	39
2. Long Cloth Chinamanaickpollam (a Bale 30 Pcs.) ...	26	27	81	134
3. Long Cloth Worriarpollam (a Bale qy. 30 Pieces) ...	34	35	56	125
Sallempores Midling 80 Pcs. in a Bale.				
	869	631	1643	3143

There was a Deficiency in Long Cloth.		
Ordinary Verendaporaum	143	pcs.
In Long Cloth Midling	347	do.
In all ...	490	

Which Deficiency is more than half made up by a Parcel of Cloth which not having Marks to ascertain it to either of the above kinds I have seperated and called Long Cloth Ordinary Extraordinary Pcs. 281 sorted as above all of which there is Reason to think belongs to the two kinds abovementioned, tho' at the present undistinguishable.

[1] Name of a village near Cuddalore.

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The Ballance of this Deficiency, Pcs. 209, has been made good by the Merchants, as the Deficiency arose from a Confusion in their Accounts with the Washers Vizt.

	Pags.	Fa.	Ca.
Long Cloth midling Pcs. 172 @ 45. 27 ℔ Corge ...	393	16	16
Do. Ordinary Verendaporum 37 @ 4 ℔ Corg.	81	14	32
	474	30	48

The Deficiency in Sallempores Ordinary is pcs. 58.
and in Sallempores Midling 207.

Which as above is made good by the Merchants Vizt.

	Pags.	Fa.	Ca.			
Sallempores Ordinary pcs. 58 @ Pags. 19	55	14	74			
Sallempores Midling 207 @ 21-3-40 ...	218	12	66			
				274	1	60
These two sums are now paid into Cash Pagodas ..				748	32	28

All the Cloth at the Painters was dispersed into so many different hands, in so many different Habitations & are in such a variety of Conditions arising from the strange Methods of painting Cloth in this Country, that the Collecting and examining them would have been a work of two Months at the same time that it would have utterly put a stop to the operations the Cloth might have been under, & thereby ruined it or at least have rendered it impossible to have prepared any Part of it for the Cargo of the Ship Winchelsea just now dispatched.

I therefore summoned the principal Painters, Men of substance & old servants to the Company, They very readily agreed to signing the following Declaration.

" We Tondapah, Condapah, Nellanah, & Ninapa, Painters to the Honble East India Company, do declare ourselves Responsible jointly and separately to the Governour & Council of Madrass, for the undermentioned Goods delivered to & received by us from the Company's Warehouse, which Goods we do hereby oblige ourselves to give back painted according to the Directions delivered Us with the Goods and in Case any Deficiency or damage incurred to the said Goods, we do oblige ourselves jointly and separately to make good the said Loss or Damage at a Ratio proportioned to the Cost of the said Goods as hereunder specified. The Goods are.

	Corge	Pcs.	Pags.	Fa.	Ca.
Jugdea Baftaes	200	12	4287	29	56
Sannoes Midling	19	14	531	32	52
Lampasses[1]	39	9	1291	35	44
Morees[2] Ordinary	84	17	2257	—	29

In Witness whereof We have hereunto set our hands in Madrass this 9th. day of February in the year called by the Europeans 1755.

Signd. TONDAPA, CONDAPAH, NELLANA, NINAPA.

Witness VELLAPAH.

This Temporary Security I shall not trust to but am calling in all the Ballance of the Cloth. A great Deal came in for the Winchelsea.

1 Lampasses = a kind of glossy crape.

2 Morees=Moorees=blue cloths manufactured in Nellore and Canatur. They are largely exported to the Straits of Malacca—(*Balfour Cycle*: ii 982).

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ARTICLE 4TH.

In October an Order of Council, passed for selling out the Grain.

N. 1. In consequence of which I now have the Honour to present you three Accounts of Sales & Disposal of the Rice together with a General Account Current thereof.

By the last it appears that the Deficiency in Weight on Garse 150. 74⅞ is, Garse 6–212⅞ not 5 ℔ Cent, I leave you the Judges whether this Loss of Weight is more than is usually found to happen on this Article.

The Pags. 765–27–40 lost in the Sales has arose from the low rate Rice now bears in the Place in Comparison of the Price at which it was bought.

N. 2. I likewise present you with an Account Current of the Paddy, the Remains of which measured are Garse. 70–282.

On 91–52⅝ sold there is a Loss in Wt. of Gar 4–135⅜ about 5 ℔ Cent.

On the sale the Loss is Pags. 413–22–29.

ARTICLE 5TH.

I have not been able to get all the Redwood weighed.

The Account of Salt Petre herewith delivered shews that the Loss in Weight on 457–3–23 is 1–1–2. The Winchelsea's Tonnage has left None remaining. The Conicoplies pay the Deficiency.

ARTICLE 6TH.

N. 2. The Tarpawlins are remaining 30 but most of them worn out.

N. 3. Instead of 50 Duppers of Oyl, on measuring we filled no more than 36½ & those contained 1698½ Measures.

N. 4. Of the two screws which are the Articles of the Materials for packing one is broke.

ARTICLE 7TH.

The Gunney bags 520 are quite rotten and must be wrote off to Profit & Loss.

ARTICLE 8TH.

The Bale of Ingeram Goods is gone on board the Winchelsea.

ARTICLE 9TH.

The Goods for Presents and sale are right in Tale excepting a spying Glass valued at 9 Pagodas wanting. I am no Manner of Judge of the value of Particulars which compose this Article.

ARTICLE 10TH.

I have had the Honour to present you with the Boatmen and Washers Accounts Current. The former owe the Company Pags. 574–4. The Latter Pags. 1937–33–4.

Having now gone thro' a particular Detail of all that remained at the time I took on me the charge of the Warehouse I submitt to your consideration what Resolutions are necessary to be taken in Regard to such articles which I am sorry to say do not answer to the value they are rated at.

The great Dearth of European Servants in this Employ, and the swarm of Black necessary to carry it on with sufficient Dispatch is a Circumstance not unworthy, in my opinion of the Attention of this Board and of a Representation to our Honble Masters. It is true the Warehousekeeper is deemed answerable, but at the same time I am persuaded that as European Servants

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can alone alleviate the Care & anxiety of this Charge, Our Honble Masters will not hesitate to supply them, as the above Detail too plainly shews the Consequence of reposing a Confidence in the Natives.

I have the Honour to be

Honble Sir & Sirs with the most perfect Respect & Consideration

Your most obedient & most humble servant

FORT ST: GEORGE
20TH. MARCH 1755.

ROBERT ORME,
Export Wareh°.keeper.

ACCOUNT REMAINS OF THE EXPORT WAREHOUSE TO BE DELIVERED BY MR. CHARLES BODDAM TO MR. ROBERT ORME.

ARTICLE 1ST.

MADRASS CLOTH.

		Pieces	Corge.	Pcs.				
1	Long Cloth Ordinary	72	or 3	12	155	30	12	
2	D°. Ordinary Verendu-porum.	1120	56	—	2554	20	20	
3	D°. Midling	759	37	19	1762	22	76	
4	Sallempores Ordinary ..	74	3	14	73	13	64	
5	D°. Midling	1283	64	3	1353	13	74	
6	D°. Fine	11	—	11	16	27	72	
								5916 20 78

ARTICLE 2D.

FORT ST. DAVID GOODS Mentioned without Particulars to be worth Pags. 3916–30–62 but which it is necessary to set down more fully as follows.

			Corge.	Pcs.				
N. 1	Long Cloth Fine Pcs.	74 Co.	3	10	227	33	74	
2	D°. Chimamanaick-pollam	764	38	4	1807	6	28	
3	D°. Worriarpollam ..	776	38	16	1788	3	20	
4	Sallempores Midling	80	4	—	93	23	20	
								3916 30 62

ARTICLE 3D.

CLOTH AT THE PAINTERS.

		Pieces.					
N. 1	Jugdea Baftaes	4012 or	200	12	4287	29	56	
2	Sannoes Midling	394	19	14	531	32	32	
3	Lampasses	799	39	9	1291	35	44	
4	Chints Morees fine	1232	66	2	3387	22	40	
5	Morees Ordinary	1697	84	17	2257	—	29	
								11756 12 41

ARTICLE 4TH.

GRAIN.

		Garse.	Mercals.			
N. 1	Rice	82 &	395	5578	24	6
2	Paddy	166 &	70	5504	19	55
						11023 7 61

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ARTICLE 5TH.

WEIGHABLE GOODS.

		Candy.						
N. 1	Redwood	752	9	20	2257	16	74	
2	Salt Petre	458	5	—	5499	—	—	
								7756 16 74

ARTICLE 6TH.

GOODS FOR THE WAREHOUSE SERVICE.

N. 1	Teak Horses 43	296	12	20	
2	Tarpawlins 30	206	9	—	
3	Oyl 50 Duppers	289	11	58	
4	Materials for packing Screws	166	22	40	
5	Musters of Callicoes	70	8	8	
					1028 27 46

ARTICLE 7TH.

GOODS FOR PACKING AND SALE.

		Corge.	Pcs.	Cov.	Cand.	Mds.	lb.	
N. 1	Salempores Midling	2	12	—	2	22	60	
2	Long Cloth	4	8	59	194	12	30	
3	Gunnies 16431				1150	6	9	
4	Rope	73	9	21	440	34	30	
5	Twine	24	18	19	174	20	20	
6	Gunney Bags 520				20	28	64	
								1983 25 15

ARTICLE 8TH.

NORTHWARD CLOTH.

Ingeram Goods 1 Bale 5930 56

ARTICLE 9TH.

GOODS FOR PRESENTS.

2	Hair Pieces set with Diamonds	Pags.	372	—	—	
1	Dº.		100	—	—	
1	Dº. with Rubies and Emeralds.		40	—	—	
2	Emerald Rings with Roses		65	—	—	
3	Single stoned Emerald Rings		70	—	—	
1	Moors Jewel with Diamonds &cs.		100	—	—	
1	Pair large Emerald Ring		60	—	—	
1	Jewel or Bracelet		60	—	—	
1	Pinchbeck watch .. .. Pags. 28	18				
1	Chain to dº. 4	—				
			32	18	—	
1	Pair Silver mounted Pistols		15	—	—	
1	dº. dº.		36	19	40	
1	dº. Pocket saddle dº.		12	25	63	
1	Brass Mounted dº.		12	11	58	
19	Fine Lock Guns		298	7	64	
	Carried over ..		1274	10	65	

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	Brought Forward ..	1274	10	65	
5	Brass Mounted Guns	Pag^{s}. 57	23	25	
10	Brass Musquetoons	70	15	50	
2	Clocks with Charges	187	29	55	
2	Emerald and Gold chaced Watches ..	115	1	45	
1	Silver chaced Teakettle & Lamp with large Waiter	160	—	—	
1	Silver Figure of St. George				
1	Diamond Gold watch	526	17	50	
1	Gold Diamond Chain				
3	Pair large Looking Glasses	75	—	—	
7	Prospective Glasses with 7 setts of Pictures.	80	18	—	
2	large Spying Glasses	18	—	—	
2	Double Lid Snuff Boxes	11	24	32	
2	Tweezer Cases with Miscroscopes	23	14	32	
1	Repeating Watch sett with Diamonds ..	211	18	—	
1	d^{o}. sett with Stones	162	3	30	
2	Silver mounted Guns	66	35	48	
4	Pair Silver mounted Pistols	132	—	—	
1	Tweezer Case	11	25	16	
1	Double Lid Snuff Box	5	30	—	
1	Silver mounted Hanger with Pistol ..	25	—	—	
3	Silver d^{o}. Fowling pieces & 2 p^{r}. Pistols	172	—	—	
1	Pair Pistolls, with Hooks	15	—	—	
1	D^{o}. D^{o}.	32	18	—	
1	Pair Pistolls small D^{o}.	15	25	—	
1	D^{o}. large A	24	18	—	
1	D^{o}. B	25	26	—	
1	D^{o}. D^{o}.	24	—	—	
					3599 3 48

ARTICLE 10TH.

BALLANCES OF ACCOUNTS.

Due from					
N^{o}. 1	Mare Gruapa &c^{a}. Washers	1937	33	4	
2	Pascal &c^{a}. Boatmen	830	15	—	
					2768 12 4
	TOTAL AMOUNT PAGODAS ..				49808 35 43

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Dr. Rice. — **Contra.** — **Cr.**

1754													
May	To Cash bought ..	Garse	54	25⅝	@ 70	Pag.	3784	17	22	By Sales and Disposal of Rice bought @ 70	Garse 52	277⅛	3333 14 68
	To Do.		86	72½	@ 65		5601	28	12	By Sales & Disposal of Rice bought @ 65	81	64⅝	4865 1 51
	Do. ..		9	376¾	@ 60		596	18	36	By Sales & Disposal of Rice bought @ 60	9	320¼	588 1 28
		Garse	150	74⅞		Pagods.	9982	27	70		143	262	8786 17 67
										By Loss in Weight on Rice—			
										Bought @ 70. Garse 1	148½	95 35 44	
										@ 65 5	7⅞	326 10 3	
										@ 60 —	56½	8 17 8	
											6	212⅞	430 26 55
										By Loss by Sales on—			
										Rice bought @ 70		355 2 70	
										Rice bought @ 65		410 16 38	
												765 19 28	
						Garse.	150	74⅞			Pagods.	9982 27 70	

Dr. Paddy. — **Contra.** — **Cr.**

1754										1755				
July 30.	To Cash bought.	Garse	12	70	@ Pags.	33	—	℔ Garse	401 27 70	Janry. 31	By Cash sold ..	Garse	90 52⅝	@ 14 Ps. ℔ Garse 2575 6 60
Aug. 31.	To do. @ Pas. 33 ..		22	—		726	—				By Account Presents gave to Portugueze Church ..		1 —	33 — —
	To do. @ 34 ..		71	150		2426	27					Garse	91 52⅝	Pags. 2608 6 60
	To do. @ 30¾ ..		20	—		615	—				By Ballance measured ..		70 282	@ 33 5 57 ℔ 2344 17 36
				113	150				3767 27 —			Garse	161 334⅝	Pagodas 4952 24 16
Septr. 30	To do. @ 33 ℔			40	250				1340 22 40		By Profit & Loss in Weight ..		4 135⅜	@ 33 5 57 143 30 67
		Garse		166	70	Pagodas			5510 5 32		By do. in Price of Sale			413 22 29
												Garse	166 70	Pagods. 5510 5 32

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To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^a^. Council
of Fort S^t^: George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having laded at Bengal 6847–3–22½ Rice neat, and delivered to Robert Orme Esq^r^. 6650–3– by which am I am deficient 197. —. 22½ which he has demanded. I humbly desire your Honours to take it into your Consideration, and hope you will remitt the Difference as beleive the Godolphin and some other ships have been allowed it before, the Deficiency not being above three and a Quarter Cent, and if rightly informed you allow from hence to Bencoolen 6 ℔ Cent. I must leave it to your Honours & am

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servant.

Nevell Norway.

Fort S^t^: George.
20^th^. March 1755.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^a^. Council.
of Fort S^t^: George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Money brought out for the Use of the Ship Britannia being all expended, I humbly request your Honour &c^a^. will be pleased to advance me twelve hundred and Fifty Pagodas on the Terms of the said Ships Charter Party to purchase Provisions and other Necessaries.

I am

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Nevell Norway.

Fort S^t^: George.
20^th^. March 1755.

Arrived Brigantine Fatea Dowlat, Habee Bulla from [...] and Porto Novo. 21

Sent by Pattamars General Letters to Bombay, Tellicherry and Anjengo dated this day. —

Sailed Snow Hartop, John Heriot for Vizagapatam on which Vessell Cha^s^. Boddam Esq^r^. Chief of Vizagapatam takes his Passage, and General Letters are also sent to that Settlement Ingeram, and Madapollam. 22

Sailed Brigantine St^a^.Reta, Francis Le Gris for Pegue: —

Arrived Sloop Fatea Rame, Cannou, Noquedah from Ballasore. 23

Received by Peons General Letter from Bandarmalanka dated the 8^th^. Instant. 26

Arrived Brigantine S^t^. Pedro, Coja Petrus from Ganjam and Tranquebar. 27

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR: GOVR: PRESIDENT.

THURSDAY THE 27th.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.	HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.	ALEXR: WYNCH.
WILLM: PERCEVAL.	JOHN SMITH.
	CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 20th. read and signed by all the Members of the Council then present, except Mr. Charles Boddam who sailed for Vizagapatam the 22d. Instant.

Hospital reported.

Mr. William Perceval reports that he had visited the Hospital and found no just Cause of Complaint.

Lre. from Bandarmalanka read.

N. 47. General Letter from Mr. John Andrews Resident at Bandarmalanka read, acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 22d. Janry, Enclosing the Monthly Accounts of that Settlement and desiring his Indents may be complied with.

Lre. from the Engineer [with] an Estimate and [aplan] of a Bridge on the [isla] and.

Letter from Mr. John Brohier read as enter'd hereafter, Representing that the Current of the River being stopped by the new works, the Course of it was turned thro' a Channel cut by the Freshes, the Banks of which having been carried away last Monsoon to near 180 Feet wide, it is now become impassable without Boats or a Bridge, wherefore he represents the Necessity of building a substantial one, the Expence whereof, as appears by an Estimate annexed will amount to Pagods. 8353 — 46.

Agreed that it be built.

Mr. Brohier being called before the Board and consulted whether there is an immediate Necessity for building the proposed Bridge, or whether the Temporary Bridge already erected may not answer the Purpose untill the Fortifications are at least so far advanced as to put the Town in a defencible condition. After maturely weighing the Reasons for the one and the other, the Board are of opinion that there is an immediate Necessity for making a Rivetment to the Banks of the Channel as they would otherwise be in danger of being washed away by the Freshes, and in that Case a great Part of the Island would be overflowed, The Charge of repairing which would probably amount to as much as the whole Expence now proposed. It is therefore Agreed that sufficient Materials for the Purpose be first collected, and that then the Work be set about & compleated with all possible Dispatch agreeable to a Plan thereof which laid before the Board and approved, and that it may [not] meet with any Interruption for want of Artificers, it is Ordered that after the 15th. of next Month, no Person whatsoever either in the white or black Town be permitted to employ any Bricklayers, Carpenters or Blacksmiths, but that all such as can be found be entertained on the Company's Account, of which it is Ordered that Publick Notice be affixed at the Sea Gate.

No Carpenters, Bricklayers or Smith's to be employed on private Account after the 15th of next Month.

Ordered that the Expences of the intended Bridge be carried to a new Account to be opened for that Purpose in the General Books under the Title of New Bridge on the Island.

And that another Head of New Barracks be opened for the Expences attending those Buildings.

It having been resolved in Consultation to present Mahomed Isouf Cawn Subidar of the Seapoys with a Gold Medal as a distinguishing Mark and Reward of his Bravery and good service and a Medal being accordingly made is now produced to the Board weighing 3 oz. 2½ dwt. having the Company's Arms with the usual Motto on one side and on the Reverse this Inscription in the Persian Language. " To Mahomed Isouf Cawn Behauder, Commander of

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the Honble English Company's Seapoys, This Medal is given by the Honble Governour & Council of Fort S^{t}: George as a reward to Courage, and to preserve to Posterity the name of a brave Soldier a skilfull Officer and a faithful Servant."

Agreed that M^{r}. Hugh Grotius Pecuda be entertained as a Monthly writer for the Negrais at the salary of Fifty Rupees ℔ Month and that he proceed thither on the Arcot Snow.

Draft of a General Letter to M^{r}. Henry Brooke Chief at Negrais is read and approved.

The following General Letters &c^{a}. are now signed all dated this day.

General Letter to the President & Council of Bengal.

Commission appointing John Pybus Esq^{r}. Deputy Gov^{r}. of Fort Marlbrō.

General Letter to the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort Marlbro.

D^{o}. to M^{r}. Roger Carter Resident at Natal.

General Letter to the Governour & Council of Batavia [dated] this day.

D^{o}. to Mess^{rs}. Misenor &c^{a}. Supra Cargo.

Sailing Orders to Captain Nevel Norway of the [Brittania] for the West Coast & China.

Accot. Salary ordered to be paid.

An Account Salary [due to the] Company's Covenanted Servants at this Settlement [for Six] Months ending the 25th. Instant is now laid [before the board] (as entered hereafter) and order'd to be paid.

Sea Customer pays in on his Running Accot.

Henry Powney Sea Customer [pays in] one thousand (1000) Pagodas on his running Account.

Advance to the Commissary which is paid in from the Treasury for that Purpose.

Agreed that Eight [thousand and] fifty four Pagodas one fanam and seventy six [Cash] be advanced the Commissary to defray the Charges of Troops abroad, and the Import Warehousekeeper pays in Fifteen thousand Rupees from the Treasury on [...] amounting to four thousand and fifty four [Pagodas, one] fanam and seventy six Cash (4054–1–76).

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^{R}: WYNCH.
WILL^{M}: PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CH^{S}: BOURCHIER.

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ACCOUNT SALARY DUE TO THE HONBLE COMPANY'S COVENANTED SERVANTS [25TH.] SEPTR. 1754 TO 25TH. MARCH 1755.

		Months.	Days.	℔ annum.	£. s. d.	Pags. fa. ca
[Thomas] Saunders Esqr.	President and Governour.	3 18	& 200	60 — —		
	Gratuity		100	30 — —		
					90 — —	225 — —
[George] Pigot Esqr.	2d. of Council.	2 29	100	24 14 5		
	President and Governour.	2 12	200	40 — —		
	Gratuity ..		100	20 — —		
					84 14 5	211 28 70
[Charles] Boddam.	2d. of Council.	20	100	5 11 2		
	3d. of do.	2 29	70	17 6 1		
	2d. of do.	2 8	100	18 7 9		
					41 15 —	104 13 40
[Henry] Powney.	3d. of Council.	— 20	70	3 17 10		
	4th of do.	2 29	50	12 7 3		
	3 . of do.	2 8	70	13 4 5		
	2d. of do.	3	100	— 16 —		
					30 5 6	75 24 60
Robt. Orme.	4th. of Council	— 20	50	2 15 7		
	5th. of do.	2 29	40	9 17 9		
	4th. of do.	2 8	50	9 8 11		
	3d. of do.	— 3	70	— 11 8		
					22 13 11	56 26 50
A. Wynch.	5th. of Council.	5 27	40	19 13 4		
	4th. of do.	— 3	50	— 8 4		
					20 1 8	50 7 40
William] Perceval.	5th. of do.		40		20 — —	50 — —
[John] Smith.	6th. of do.		40		20 — —	50 — —
[Charles] Bourchier.	7th. of do.		40		20 — —	50 — —
[Dawsonne] Drake.	Senior Merchant.		40		20 — —	50 — —
[John Walsh.]	Do.		40		20 — —	50 — —
[Samuel Ardley].	Junior Merchant.		30		15 — —	37 8 —
[Edward Edwards].	Do.		30	15 — —		
	Gratuity as Assay Master.		80	40 — —		
					55 — —	137 18 —
[Henry Vansittart].l	Factor ..	— 13	15	— 10 10		
	Junr. Merchant	5 17	30	13 18 4		
	Gratuity as Translator.	6 —	30	15 — —		
					29 9 2	73 23 20
			Carried over ..		488 19 8	1222 4 40

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						F.	*s.*	*d.*	Pags.	Fas.	Cs.	Pags.	Fas.	Cs.
	Brought forward ..					488	19	8	1222	4	40			
[Josias Du Pre].	Factor ..		15	7	10 —								..	
	Gratuity as Secretary.		10	5	— —								..	
	Do. as Clerk of the Peace.		45	22	10 —								..	
						35	—	—	87	18	—			
[John Browning].	Factor ..		15			7	10	—	18	27	—		..	
James Alexander.	Factor ..		15	7	10 —								..	
	Gratuity as Sub Accomptant.		100	50	— —								..	
	Do. for keeping the Compys Accounts with the Mayors Court.		20	10	— —								..	.
						67	10	—	168	27	0			
John Smith.	Factor ..		15			7	10	—				[18	27	0]
Daniel Morse.	Factor ..		15	7	10 —									
	Gratuity for keeping the Books of the Mayor's Court.		20	10	— —	17	10	0	43	27	0			
						17	10	—						
Chas. Simpson.	Writer ..				5				2	10	—	[47	27	0]
George Stratton.	do. ..				5				2	10	—	[6	9	0]
Philip Fras. Greenslate.	do. ..				5				2	10	—	[6	9	0]
George Dawson.	do. ..				5				2	10	—	[6	9	0]
Mathew Clarke.					5				2	10	—	[6	9	0]
Jas. Bourchier.	do. ..				5				2	10	—	[6	9	0]
Hen : Eust : Johnson.	d . ..	5	15		5				2	5	10	[5	26	20]
John Whitehill.	do. ..				5				2	10	—	[6	9	0]
Claud Russell.	do. ..				5	2	10	—	2	10	—	[6	9	0]
	Gratuity as Accomptant General of the Mayors Court.				20	10	—	—	12	10	0	[31	9	0]
	Carried over ..					653	19	8	1573	22	50	147	8	20

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			Months.	Days.	₱ annum.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Pags.	Fas.	Ca.
						£	s.	d.	Pags.	Fa.	Ca.			
		Brought forward ..				653	19	8	1573	22	50	147	8	20
Tho. Rumbold.	Writer	..			5				2	10	—	[6	9	0]
George Pyne.	dº.	..			5				2	10	—	[6	9	0]
Chas. Smith.	dº.	..			5				2	10	—	[6	9	0]
Alexr. Dalrymple.	dº.	..			5				2	10	—	[6	9	0]
John Davison.	dº.	..			5				2	10	—	[6	9	0]
Samuel Johnson.	dº.	..			5				2	10	—	[6	9	0]
Waldegrave Pelham.	dº.	..	5	15	5				2	5	10	[5	26	20]
Ja. Mcarmick.	dº.	..			5				2	10	—	[6	9	0]
Willm. Aldersey.	dº.	..			5				2	10	—	[6	9	0]
The Reverend Mr. Samuel Stavely.	Chaplain	..			100				50	—	—	[125	0	0]
The Reverend Mr. Robt. Palk.	Chaplain				100				50	—	—	[125	0	0]
Andrew Munro.	Surgeons				36				18	—	—	[45	0	0]
Robert Turing.	Surgeons				36				18	—	—	[45	0	0]
		at 8 sh. ₱ Pags. ..			₱				814	11	0	[2091	32	0]

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

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ROBERT ORME.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST: GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

As the new works stop entirely the Current of the River which formerly passed under Water Gate Bridge and that I have been obliged to alter it's Course thro' a Channel cut by the Freshes in 1750 which runs before the West Front of the Town. The Freshes last Monsoon having carried away the Banks of this Channel to near 180 Feet wide, and being now impassable without a temporary Bridge or Boats, I take the Liberty to represent to the Board that it is absolute[ly] necessary to build a substantial one over it with a Revetment

to the Banks of the Island to the Northward and Westward of this Bridge to confine the Course of the Current within Bounds otherwise the Banks will be washed away in a very short Time and may render it useless. An Estimate of the Expences of which is here annexed, amounting to Pag^{s}. 8353– — –46.

Humbly submitting it to Consideration, I am most respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedient and
most humble Servant

JOHN BROHIER.

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ESTIMATE FOR BUILDING A BRIDGE OVER THE BRANCH OF THE RIVER WHICH RUNS BEFORE WEST FRONT OF THE TOWN 250 FOOT LONG AND 24 FEET BROAD.

[ ] ing the River ... ... Pag^{s}.	100	—	—
[ ] ling whilst the work will be in hand & Drying ...	400	—	—
[ ] ning for the Foundation 500 Rods at 7 fanams ℔ Rod	97	7	8
[ ] king 50 wells and filling in at Pag^{s}. 15 Each ...	750	—	—
[ ] wood Piles at ½ Pagoda a Pieces 1056 Pieces is ...	528	—	—
DeveCotta Piles 1500 @ 7 Pag^{s}. & 5 fan^{s}. ℔ 100 ...	107	3	—
Three stone Peers already cutt filling them and two new.	440	26	38
Peers in Brick work 150000 Bricks worked up in Chunam	525	—	—
[Fo]rming the Centers for the Arches	100	—	—
The two half Peers & their Buttrasses 1 Lack of Bricks.	350	—	—
Two Lacks and a half of Bricks in the Arches at 380 Pag^{s}. ℔ Lack	950	—	—
And three quarter Lacks of Bricks for filling in and raising the Parapets at 350 Lack	962	18	—
Battlements and Ramps 1¼ Lack of Brickwork ...	437	18	—
[ ] Rods of Earth in filling in over the Arches & both Ramps	55	—	—
Paving 7000 Feet of Iron Stone	200	—	—
Nine hundred feet Length of Revetment to the Banks of the Island to contract the Course of the River and direct it to the Bridge 5 Lacks of Brickwork @ 350 Pag^{s}. ℔ Lack	1750	—	—
Building a Wall across the River on Each side of the Foundation and laying a Pavement from one wall to the other to prevent the Current from sapping the Foundation of the Bridge 1½ Lacks of Bricks partly laid on Edge at 400 Pag^{s}. ℔ Lack, Materials & Workmanship included	600	—	—
Pagodas ...	8353	—	46

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JOHN BROHIER.

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28 Sailed the Honble Company's Ship Britannia, Nevel Norway for the West Coast and China with the several General Letters mentioned in last Consultation.

29 Arrived the Squirrell, Schooner John Jennioor from Negapatam.

30 Received by Peons General Letter from Ingeram dated 10th. March.

.. Arrived Ship Hardwicks James Alms from Bombay with General Letter from the President & Council there dated 1st. Febry.

.. Received by Tappies General Letter from DeveCotah dated 25th. Instt.

— Sailed Ship Fort William Henry Hunt for Bengal with General Letter to the President and Council there dated 27th. Instant.

31 Sailed Sloop Nancy Daunaya Syrang for Ingeram.

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Present

MONDAY THE 31st. GEORGE PIGOT ESQR: GOVR: PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.	HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.	ALEXR: WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.	JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 27th. read and signed.

Genl. Letters read. General Letters read Vizt.

From Ingeram. N. 49. From Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram dated the 10th. Instant, acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 22d. Febry. and Enclosing the Monthly Accounts of that Settlement for last Month.

Genl. Letters read from Deve Cotah. N. 50 From Mr. Charles Hopkins Chief of DeveCotah dated 25th. Instant, serving only to accompany the Monthly Accounts of that Settlement for Febry.

From Bombay. N. 51. From the President & Council at Bombay dated the 1st. Febry. acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter ℔ Warren, and one dated 14th. December, and acquainting us that they acquiesce in our detaining Sir James Foulis, but cannot comply with our Request for a further supply of Europeans belonging to the Train. That they propose to dispatch home the York with a Cargo of Pepper from Tellicherry and Anjengo, That Captain Glover has delivered the Deserter—We sent by the Warren. That the Prince Henry Captn. Best arrived there the 25th. Decem. from England & that the Shaftesbury was also arrived there with the Warren, by the former they received a Packet for the President and Council of Bengal which they send us to be forwarded. That they propose dispatching the Prince Henry by the 20th. of Febry. to fill up on the Mallabar Coast, and the Shaftesbury will be dispatched at the same time for Europe with a full Loading of Coffee.

Mr. Taylors Accounts reported right. The Accountant reports that Mr. Thos. Taylor's Books containing his Accounts from the commencement of the Negrais Expedition to the Delivering over his Remains to Mr. Robert Westgarth at Syrian, had been examined and found right.

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Mr. Taylor having represented the great Fatigue, Trouble and Loss of Time that has attended this Expedition for which he has not received the least Consideration, but has suffered by it so much in his Health that he despairs of ever recovering it, submitting it to the Board to make him such Compensation as shall seem reasonable. An allowance to be made Mr. Taylor for his Trouble.

Agreed that Mr. Taylor be allowed after the Rate of twenty Pagodas a month for his services from the 19th. of June 1752 the day the Porto Bello Sloop sailed on the Negrais Expedition to the 18th. of October 1754 the day he arrived here from the Negrais in the same Sloop being two years and four Months amounting to Five hundred & sixty (560) Pagodas.

Mr. Westgarth's Accounts being laid before the Board, Order'd that the Accountant examine the Credits with the Invoices of Consignments to him from hence & report the same to the Board. Mr. Westgarths Accotts. referred to the Accountt.

The Export Warehousekeeper reports a Deficiency in Salt Petre received from St. David Arcot Snow of three Candies twelve Maunds (3. 12) which he acquaints the Board he applied for Payment of to Thomas Cooper the Mate that brought the vessell up who is not in circumstances to make good the Amount. He at the same time reports that a considerable Part of the Salt Petre is extremely bad, black and mixed with much Dirt and that he apprehends the Deficiency arises in a great measure from thence. Deficiency in Salt Petre from St. David to be wrote off.

Order'd that the said Deficiency be wrote off to Profit & Loss.

An account of the Diet of French Prisoners and Military on board his Majesty's Ships between this Place and St. David, being laid before the Board amounting to one hundred and thirty seven Pagodas and thirty fanams (137. 30). Diet of French Prisoners & Military to be paid.

Order'd that the Military Paymaster discharge the same.

The Storekeeper lays before the Board an Account of Wages due to the Master and Crew of the Arcot Snow from 31st. Janry. to the 17th. Instant amounting to Five hundred and Fifty nine Rupees three Anaes (Rs. 559–3–) and also an Account of four months Impress from the 18th. Instant amounting to Two thousand and sixteen (2016) Rupees, Order'd that the same be paid and advanced. Wages & Impress of Arcot Snow to be paid.

The Storekeeper also lays before the Board as entered hereafter, an Account of Deficiencies ℔ Ship Britannia amounting to Nine Pagodas fifteen Fanams and thirty Cash (9–15–30) which has been paid for by the Commander. Accott. Deficiencies ℔ Britannia read.

Agreed that twenty thousand Rupees be sent to the Negrais on the Arcot Snow with Fifty Pagodas worth of Copper Cash. Treasure to be sent to the Negrais.

A Certificate from the Accountant General of the Mayor's Court is laid before the Board, that the Register of the Mayors Court is to deposit with the Company two Bundles containing seven worked Aprons & Handkerchiefs, and some Handkerchiefs worked with Gold & Silver four Neckloths, thirty one pair of Ruffles and one stitch'd Petticoat on Account of the Estate of Solomon Salomons. Effects from the Mayors Court Accott. Solomon Solomons deposited.

Order'd that they be received and a Receipt is accordingly now signed by the Committee of Treasury for the same. Monthly Accounts read Vizt.

George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master reads that Account for last Month Ballance then due to the Mint thirty Current Pagodas twenty six fanams & seventy Cash (Curt. Pags. 30–26–70) which are now paid him And from the Mint sixty seven (67) Madrass Pagodas which are now paid in. Mint.

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Sea Customer. Henry Powney Sea Customer, reads that Account for last Month, Ballance then due from him four thousand three hundred and twenty five pagodas ten fanams and seventy six Cash (4325–10–76) which is carried forward.

Import Warehousekr. Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper reads that Account for last month Ballance then due from him twenty three thousand three hundred & one Pagodas ten fanams and sixty two Cash (23301–10–62) of which he now pays in ten thousand Pagodas (10000).

Storekeeper. Alexander Wynch Storekeeper reads that Account for last Month Ballance then due from him Two thousand four hundred and thirty nine Pagodas thirty four fanams & seventy five Cash (2439–34–75) which is carried forward.

Land Customer. William Perceval Land Customer reads that Account for last Month; Ballance due from him six hundred and forty three Pagodas Eleven fanams and four Cash (643–11–4) which he now pays in.

Paymaster. John Smith Paymaster reads that Account for last Month.

	Pags.	Fa.	Ca.
Charges Garrison	243	8	23
Hospital Charges	1903	25	36
Peons and Servants Wages	562	2	74
Charges General	100	—	11
Charges Extraordinary	608	2	53
Repairs	1364	14	2
Fortifications	129	14	65
Poonemalee &c^{a}. Villages	19	28	40
S^{t}. Thome &c^{a}. Villages	19	29	40
Allowance of the Court of Request	12	12	—
Household Necessaries	167	15	—
Charges Cattle	66	24	—
Charges Diet	583	12	—
Pagod^{s}.	5780	9	24

Ballance then due to him Eleven hundred and Nineteen Pagodas thirty three fanams and seventy four Cash (1119–33–74) which is carried forward.

The Particulars of the Extraordinary Expence in the Paymasters Accounts are entered hereafter.

Military Paymaster. John Smith Military Paymaster reads that Account for last Month; Ballance due from him Five hundred and twenty five Pagodas, sixteen fanams and sixty seven Cash (525–16–67) which is carried forward.

Military Storekeeper. Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due from him Forty two Pagodas Eight fanams and sixty one Cash (42–8–61) which is carried forward.

Journal Parcels & Engineer's Accott. read. The Journal Parcels for Jafiry. and the Engineers Account of Expences in Fortifications & Repairs are also laid before the Board.

Import Warehoukeeper pays into Cash for Rupees sold. Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in two hundred and seventy Pagodas Nine fanams and fifty Eight Cash (270–9–58) for Rupees sold.

Advances out of Cash. Agreed that the following Advances be made out of Cash.

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To Gundaveddy Vencaty Ramah & Nella Chitty Ten thousand (10,000) Pagodas on Account the Investment. To Gundaveddy Vencaty Ramah Accot. the Investment.

To the Paymaster Four thousand (4,000) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ. The Paymaster.

To the Military Paymaster Five thousand two hundred and seventy Pagodas nine fanams and Fifty Eight Cash (Pags. 5270–9–58) to pay the Military. Military Paymaster &

To the Military Storekeeper Eight hundred & Fifty (850) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ. Military Storekeeper.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR: WYNCH.
WILLM: PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS: BOURCHIER.

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCES IN THE PAYMASTERS ACCOUNTS ARE IN THE FOLLOWING PARTICULRS FEBRY. 28TH. 1755.

	Pags.	Fa.	Ca.
Charges Hospital	1697	5	26
Peons & Servants Wages	79	9	51
Charges General	13	5	51
Charges Extraordinary	608	2	53
Repairs	1364	14	2
Fortifications	129	14	65
Poonemalee &ca. Villages	19	28	40
St. Thome &ca. Villages	19	29	40
Allowance of the Court of Request	12	12	—
Household Necessaries	167	15	—
Pagods.	4110	29	8

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

℔

JOHN SMITH,
Paymr.

DEFICIENCY OF STORES ℔ SHIP BRITANNIA CAPTN. NEVELL NORWAY.

Deals 15 & 10 ft.	£ 1	14	4	
Euffirs 7 & 24 ft.	1	3	8	
	2	18	—	
Advance 30 ℔ Cent	—	17	5	
@ 8 shs. ℔ Paga.	£ 3	15	5	9 15 30

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ALEXR: WYNCH,
Storekeeper.

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3 Received via Fort S[t]. David by a Vessel arrived there, General Letter from Bengal dated 20[th]. Febry. and one from the Negrais dated 3[d]. Febry.

4 Sailed Ship Ajanare, Sibjee Noquedah for Metchlepatam.

.. Sailed The Honble Company's Snow Arcot, Robert Jackson for Negrais with two General Letters, One dated yesterday and the other this Day.

5 Sailed Brigantine Hydrabux Hodjee Sauduc for Pegue.

6 Sailed His Majesty's Ships Kent { Admiral Watson. / Captn. Henry Speke.
Cumberland Commodore Pocock.
Salisbury Captn. Tho[s]. Knowler
Tyger Captn. John Latham
Bridgwater Captn. Will[m]. Martin. } For Trincomalee.

7 Arrived Ship Nanganah, Mahomed Radza from Tenasseree.

.. Received by Tappies Gen[l]. Letter from DeveCotah dated 3[d]. Inst[t].

.. A supply of Cash being wanted at Fort S[t]. David, and the opinion of the Council being taken whether it is adviseable to send the same Overland, it is Agreed to send twenty thousand Pagodas by two setts of Peons, and a Letter is now dispatched by the Secretary to the Deputy Governour and Council, advising that ten thousand Pagodas will be sent them to Morrow Morning by a Corporal and twenty Peons.

.. Sailed Snow Kitty Stephen Holloway Bunyon for Vizagapatam.

8 Sent by Peons Ten thousand (10,000) Pagodas to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S[t]. David with Letter from the Secretary advising thereof.

9 Received by Tappies General Letter from Fort S[t]. David dated 7[th]. Inst[t].

.. Received by Peons D[o]. from Ingeram dated 21[st]. Ult[o].

10 Arrived Ship Elai Bux, Sandoo Cawn from Tenasseree.

.. Received by Pattamars General Letter from Bombay dated 11[th]. Ult[o]. and one from Tellicherry dated 22[d]. Ult[o].

.. Sent by Tappies Gen[l]. Letter to Fort S[t]. David dated this day.

11 Sent by Peons ten thousand Pagodas to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S[t]. David which sum is received into Cash from the Import Warehousekeeper.

14 Arrived Ship Prince Edward, Tho[s]. Powney from Tenasseree.

14 D[o]. Ship Hannah William French from Pegue.

D[o]. Snow Muzadavad John Sullivan from Manilha.

MONDAY THE 14[TH]. APRIL. AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ[R]: GOV[R]: PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEX[R]: WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 31[st]. Ult[o]. read and signed.

Genl. Letters read. General Letters read.

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From Bengal.

N. 52 From the President and Council of Bengal dated 20th. Febry. desiring we will dispose of the Barbary Copper consigned to them ℔ Norfolk as it is an improper sortment for Bengal and if this should overstock our Market we may send them down an equal Quantity of any other sort. That they desire the Treasure to be sent them this season may be all in Arcot & Madrass Rupees of which only one sixth in Madrass Rupees. That the Cuddalore Sloop is arrived there from the Negrais with Ninety Teak Timbers and a Packet for us which they forward.

From Negrais.

N. 53. From Mr. Henry Brooke Chief of Negrais dated 3d. Febry. acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 6th. Novem. ℔ Cuddalore Sloop, and giving an account of the Occurrences on that Island and the Transactions with the Pegue Government.

Genl. Letters read from DeveCotah.

N. 54 From Mr. Charles Hopkins at DeveCotah dated the 3d. Instant, Requesting Permission to retire into the Country for the Recovery of his Health.

From Fort St. David.

N. 55. From the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David dated 7th. Instant accompanying their Monthly Papers and Accounts for Febry. and Invoices of Military Stores ℔ Arcot Snow & Bridgwater, Enclosing also Petition of sundry Persons in Regard to their Houses which were taken in Mr. Floyers Government for an Hospital in Cuddalore, but they have not received any Rent for the same, desiring our Directions in Regard to the Merchants turn'd out Cloth. That Captain Charles Campbell having desired Leave to go to DeveCotah the Charge of the Garrison was given to Lieutenant Wagner, but Lieut. Merryman claims it as an older Officer, and Mr. Wagner pleads that as Lieutenant Merryman has not a Commission as first Lieutenant of Artillery all Lieutenants of Infantry take Place of him, whereon they desire our Directions. That Mr. Call has got the Dragon Sloop out of the sand where she has sustained considerable Damage but may be repaired for one hundred and Fifty Pagodas, Desiring a supply of Cash as their Ballance is small, and as they imagine their ill success in the Investment last Year was owing to their late Advances to their Merchants, they hope we will shortly send them a sufficient sum.

From Ingeram.

N. 56. From Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram dated the 21st. Ultimo, acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 10th. of Febry. relating to the Cartel with the French which he has published and will observe.

From Bombay.

N. 57. From the President and Council of Bombay dated the 11th. Ultimo, acknowledging the Receipt of our Letters of the 9th. and 22d. Janry., and acquainting us that in case upon the Conclusion of our Treaty with the French Admiral Watson should have taken the Resolution to go round to that Coast, They hope we have taken the Opportunity of returning their Military as they apprehend they shall have occasion for their service, but if the Admiral should be gone without them, they desire we will then return them by any Conveyances that may offer and they will send them back should our Affairs require it. That they should be glad also if Colonel Adlercron's Instructions could permit him also to proceed thither with the King's Forces, Desiring that we will send them an immediate Answer. That they dispatched the Prince Henry the 22d. Ultimo to compleat her Cargo at Onore and the Shaftesbury at the same finally for Europe with a full Loading of Coffee. That by a Letter from Captn. Forbes to their Military Paymaster they have Reason to think their People here have not been paid agreeable to the Lists [with] us which they desire may be regulated, accordingly. That the Weight and Fineness of their Rupees turn out agreeable to our Assay Master's Report, and they think it will answer to recoin them in our Mint when occasion may require to send any round.

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From Tellicherry.

N. 58. From Thomas Hodges Esq^{r}. Chief &c^{a}. Factors at Tellicherry dated 22^{d}. Ultimo acknowledging the Receipt of our Letters of the 14th. December, 9 & 22^{d}. of Jañry, Enclosing a Packet for us from Bombay, and advising that the Warwick was dispatched from thence for England the 8th. and she sailed from Anjengo the 19th. Jañry as did the York the 27th. Febry. and they are in daily Expectation of the Prince Henry and Shaftesbury from Bombay. That the London sailed from thence for Surat on the 6th. March as did the S^{t}. George on the 13th. for the same Place. That the Centaur a French Ship lately sailed from Mahie with a Cargo of Pepper That they have upwards of one thousand Candies of Pepper in Warehouse and expect near seven thousand by November.

DeveCotah to be wrote to.

Agreed that M^{r}. Hopkins at DeveCotah have Leave to retire into the Country for the Recovery of his Health leaving the Charge of that Settlement during his Absence to M^{r}. Richard Brickenden.

Fort St. David to be wrote to.

Agreed to write to the Gentlemen at Fort S^{t}. David in Answer to their Letter that in Regard to the Houses hired at Cuddalore for the Hospital they should have informed themselves and advised us whether the allegations in the Petition presented to them by the Owners are true, that if those Houses are now actually in the Company's Occupation, it is but reasonable the owners should have a valuable consideration for them, and they must therefore be appraised and the Amount paid the Proprietors. That Lieutenant Merriman is undoubtedly a Superiour Officer to Lieut^{t}. Wagner and the Command should therefore have been left to him and as that was well known to Captain Campbell his Application for Leave of absence was ill timed and he must therefore return. That the Dragon Sloop may be repaired if the Expence attending it will not exceed what they write. That we shall send them further supplies of Cash to enable them to make sufficient Advances to their Merchants. That whenever any considerable sums are offered to be paid into their Cash they are to advise us and they shall have our Directions.

20000 Pagodas to be sent to S^{t}. David.

Agreed that twenty thousand (20000) Pagodas be sent to Fort S^{t}. David Overland as soon as the Peons return who carried the last supply.

Bombay to be wrote to.

Agreed that Pattamars be immediately dispatched to Bombay and others via Tellicherry with our Answers to the Letters lately received, acquainting them that Admiral Watson with the Squadron left this Place in the Beginning of the Month intending to proceed to Trincomale and return here again in May, That we beleive he will not think it adviseable to leave this side of India Untill Advices are received from Europe, lest any Measures should have been taken there to render his Presence here necessary, and for the same Reasons we think it proper our Land Forces should be kept together to be in Readiness for action should there be occasion, but if upon Receipt of Advices from England We should think their Detachment may be spared with Safety, we shall send them round by the first Opportunities.

Military Paymaster to enquire into the Pay of the Bombay Detachment, & Report.

Order'd that the Military Paymaster enquire into the Pay of the Bombay Detachment mentioned in a Paragraph of the Bombay Letter this day read in Consultation and report a state thereof to the Board.

Accott. sale of Broad Cloth read.

The Import Warehousekeeper lays before the Board as enter'd hereafter, an Account Sales of sixty Bales of Broad Cloth at Outcry the 8th. Instant at one Pagoda ℔ Lot Advance on the Price put up at, amounting to Five thousand seven hundred and sixty Pagodas, he also Reports that the rest of the Company's Cloth was at the same time offered to sale but no Bidders appeared for any more.

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Merchants offer to take off the remaindr. at the Outcry Price.

The President acquaints the Board that a sett of substantial Merchants had offered to take the Remainder of the Cloth on the same Terms as that sold at Outcry and desires the Opinion of the Board thereon. The same being well considered, it is the unanimous opinion that it would be much for the Companys Interest to dispose of it in that Manner as there is a large Quantity remaining in the Godown and more expected by the Shipping this Season, but as the Company have from time to time repeated their Orders for selling all their Goods by Outcry without leaving any discretional Power of deviating from those Orders in Case of Necessity, it is Agreed that the offer be rejected, and that the Remainder of the Cloth be again put up at outcry on Wednesday the 21st. of May.

Rejected & to be put up at outcry again.

Captn Wilson of the Kent requests an Advance.

Letter from Captn. George Wilson of the Kent read as entered hereafter, requesting an Advance of Fourteen hundred Pagodas on Charter Party Terms for the use of the said ship.

Granted.

Agreed that the same be advanced accordingly.

Redwood to be purchased & laden on the Kent for Canton.

A large Parcel of good Redwood fit for the China Market being now procurable, Agreed that One hundred Tons thereof be purchased for the Company's account and laden on the Kent for Canton.

Companys allowance for the Admirals Table to be paid to ye. 31st March.

Agreed that the Company's allowance of Five Pagodas ℔ day for Admiral Watson's Table be paid to Mr. Doidge his Secretary agreeable to his Desire from the 10th. of September the day of his arrival to the 31st. of March last both inclusive, being two hundred and three days amounting to One thousand and fifteen Pagodas, and that the same be carried to a new account to be opened for that Purpose under the Title of his Majesty's Squadron.

Accott. read.

The President reads the Cash account for last Month, Ballance remaining compared with the Chest Twenty thousand and seventy five current Pagodas, two Fanams and twelve Cash (20075–2–12) and Eight hundred and Fifty two Madrass Pagodas twenty one fanams and thirty five Cash (M Ps. 852–21–35) which is carried forward.

Treasury Accounts read.

The Treasury Accounts are also read the several Ballances being compared and found right are Vizr. Arcot Rupees seventy two thousand and Ninety nine, Eleven Anaes and one Pice (A Rs. 72099–11–1) Current Pagodas One hundred and sixty thousand Eight hundred and sixty two, one Fanam and seventy Cash (Ct. Ps. 160862–1–70) Silver Twenty Chests and a quarter containing five thousand Eight hundred and ninety five Pounds & ten Penny weights (5895. –. 10) Madras Rupees Three thousand two hundred and thirty five (M. Rs. 3235) Madras Pagodas six hundred and seventeen (Ms. Ps. 617) All which are carried forward.

Sea Customer pays in on that Account.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in One thousand Pagodas (1000) on his Running account.

Rents paid in for.

Oppajee Nayenar pays in the following sums Vizr.

[Rent of the] Chingalaput country.

As Renter of the Chingalaput Country Five thousand (5000) Pagodas which with six thousand Pagodas paid in, the 14th. ultimo is in full for six Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Febry last. And

Rent of the Mannamangalum country paid in.

As Renter of the Manamangalum Country Four thousand (4000) Pagodas which with three thousand Pagodas paid in the 14th. Ultimo is in full for six months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Febry last.

Rent of the Poonemalle Country paid in.

Rayal Pundat Renter of the Poonemalee Country pays in four thousand (4000) Pagodas which with sixteen thousand paid in the 17th. Febry and two thousand due the 14th. Ulto. is in full for six Month's Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Janry last.

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Advances To the Committee for the Works

Agreed that the following Advances be made out of Cash Vizt.

To the Committee for conducting the Works Two thousand (2000) Pagodas.

Paymaster & Military Paymaster.

To the Paymaster One thousand (1000) Pagodas,

and

To the Military Paymaster two thousand (2000) Pagodas.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Ar: Wynch.
Willm: Perceval.
John Smith.
Chs: Bourchier.

Fort St. George, March 1755.

— Fort St. George, April 1755 —

Dr: The Honble United Company's Cash.

		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
1.	To Ballance brought from last Month's Account.	22596	2	49
,,	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper received of him for Rupees sold	270	9	58
3.	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper recd. of him for Rs. sold	2702	25	24
,,	To Bills of Exchange for one sett of this date drawn on the Court of Directors at their stated s. d. Exchange of 7–8 payable at ninety days sight to John Starke value received of John Smith on account of Richard Starke £ 34–4–8 ...	89	11	23
10.	To Account Current London received of the undermentioned Persons for Permission of Passage to England ℔ Winchelsea Vizt. Mr. Thomas Cooke ... ... Pags. 30; Mrs. Cooke ... ... 30; Mr. Henry Eustace Johnson ... 30; Mr. Waldegrave Pelham 30	120	—	—
14.	To Linga Chittee received of him in full of what advanced him on his Contract for Madrass M.Ps. Pagodas as ℔ Consultn. 30th. Janry. 20000; Batta on M.Ps. 20000 at 9¼ ℔ Cent. 1850	21850	—	—
,,	To Mare Gruapah &ca. Washers received of them in part of the Ballance due by them to the Company	438	13	—
,,	To Rayal Pundat Renter of the Poonemalee Country received of him in further Part of six Month's Rent due on that Cowle the 1st. Jañry. last	2000	—	—
,,	To Rayal Pundat Renter of the Poonemalee Jagueer received of him in full for five Months Rent due on that Farm the 1st. Jañry. last.	1750	—	—
,,	To Pustponatha Nayenar Renter of the Seven Magans of the Tripossore Country received of him in part of six Month's Rent due on that Farm the 1st. Ultimo	3000	—	—
	Carried over ...	54,816	25	74

Contra. **Cr.**

		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
1.	By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him to pay the Military	5270	9	58
,,	By John Smith Paymaster advanced him for Disbursements in that Employ	4000	—	—
3.	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad ...	2702	25	24
14.	By Madrass Pagodas purchased of Linga Chitty as ℔ contra & now carried, to that Account. M.Ps.	20000	—	—
,,	By Batta paid Linga Chitty the Premium of 9¼ ℔ Cent on Madrass Pagodas 20000 purchased of him as ℔ Contra	1850	—	—
,,	By Tellasinga Chitte &ca. Merchants advanced them on Account of the Investment	10000	—	—
,,	By the Mayors Court advanced for the disbursements of that Corporation	300	—	—
,,	By the Roman Female Orphan House paid Father Severini One Years Interest on a Bond dated 21st. Febry 1745/6 for Pags. 6000 at 6 ℔ Cent ℔ Annum	360	—	—
20.	By Batta paid Captain Martin of his Majestys Ship Bridgwater ¼ ℔ Cent Freight on 200000 Rupees sent by that Ship to Fort St. David. Rups. 500 @ 370	135	4	69
,,	By Account Current London advanced Captn Nevel Norway on Charter Party Terms to purchase Provisions & Necessaries for the Ship Britannia	1250	—	—
27.	By Account Salary paid the Hoñble Company's Covenated Servts. their salary for the last six Months Ending 25th. Insant	2036	15	—
,,	By Account Salary paid the Hoñble Company's defray the charges of the Troops abroad ...	8054	1	76
31.	By George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master paid him the Ballance of Current Pagodas in that account for last Month	30	26	70
,,	By Madrass Pagodas for the Febry Mint Ballance M. Ps.	67	—	—
,,	By Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper advanced him for Disbursements in that Employ.	850	—	—
		56906	11	57

Dr:

THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH—*cont.*

		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
	Brought forward ...	54816	25	74
14	To Oppajee Nayenar Renter of the Chingalaput Country receiv'd of him in part of six Month's Rent due on that Farm the 1st. Ulto. ...	6000	—	—
,,	To Oppajee Nayenar Renter of the Mannamangalum Country received of him in part of six Month's Rent due on that Farm the 1st. Ultimo	3000	—	—
20.	To Fortifications under the Direction of John Brohier received of Mr. Charles Boddam late Paymaster for an overcharge in Bullock hire as ℔ Order of Consultation the 3d. Instant.	1246	—	—
,,	To Robert Orme Export Warehousekeeper receiv'd of him on that Acct.	748	32	38
,,	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekr. received of him for Rupees sold	135	4	69
,,	To Pustponatha Nayenar Renter of the Covelong Country received of him in full for six Month's Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ulto.	4000	—	—
,,	To Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah & Permaal Kellavah Chittee Farmers of the Beetle & Tobacco Farm received of them One Month's Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ulto.	666	24	—
,,	To Pitloor Vencaty Kisnah & Permal Kellavah received of them one Month's Rent of that Chittee Farmers of the Arrack & Wine Licence Farm due the 1st. ulto.	333	12	—
27.	To Henry Powney Sea Customer received of him on his Running Account	1000	—	—
,,	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper recd of him for Rups. sold	4054	1	76
31.	To George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master received of him the Balla. of Madrass Pagodas in that Account for last Month M Ps.	67	—	—
,,	To William Perceval Land Customer received of him the Ballance of that Account for last Month	643	11	4
,,	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper received of him on his Running Account ...	10000	—	—
,,	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper received of him for Rupees sold	270	9	58
	CURT. PAGODAS ...	86981	13	69

Cr:

CONTRA—*cont.*

		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
	Brought forward ...	56906	11	57
31	By Gundaveddy Vencaty Ramah and Nella Chittee advanced them on Account of the Investment	100000	—	—
		66906	11	57
,,	By Ballance carried to next Month's Account ...	20075	2	12
	CURRT. PAGODAS ...	86981	13	69

MADRASS PAGODAS.

Dr.		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
1	To Ballance brought from last Month's Account.	785	21	35
14.	To the Honble Company's Cash, purchased of Linga Chitty	20000	—	—
31	To Do. for the Febry Mint Ballance	67	—	—
		20852	21	35

CONTRA. Cr.

		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
20.	By Vizagapatam Factory sent thither ℔ Hartop-Snow	1000	—	—
	By Ingeram Factory sent thither ℔ do. ...	5000	—	—
..	By Madapollam Factory sent thither ℔ do. ...	5000	—	—
31.	By Ballance carried to next Month's Account ...	852	21	35
		20852	21	35

ERRORS EXCEPTED
℔ GEORGE PIGOT

TREASURY ACCOUNTS, FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1755.

ARCOT RUPEES.

Dr.		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
1755. March.				
1.	To Ballance brought from last Month ...	207269	11	1
11.	To Fort St. David, Overcharge ℔ Ship Bridgwater	500	—	—
		207769	11	1

Cr.

		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
March.				
1.	By Import Warehousekeeper delivered him for Sale	1000	—	—
3.	By Do. do.	10000	—	—
20.	By Do. do.	2660	—	—
21.	By Linga Chitty delivered him	82060	—	—
27.	By Import Warehousekeeper delivered him for Sale	16000	—	—
		135670	—	—
31	By Ballance	72099	11	1
		207769	11	1

ERRORS EXCEPTED
℔ GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME.

Dr. Madrass Rupees. Cr.

March.		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.	March		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
1.	To Ballance brought from last Month	3235	—	—	31.	By Ballance	3235	—	—

Errors Excepted
℘ George Pigot.
Henry Powney
Robert Orme.

Dr. Cr.

March					March				
1.	To Ballance brought from last Months Account.	153862	1	70					
19.	To Import Warehousekeeper received of him.	7000	—	—					
		160862	1	70	31.	By Ballance	160862	1	70

Errors Excepted
℘ George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.

Dr. Madrass Pagodas. Cr.

March					March				
1.	To Ballance brought from last Month ...	616	—	—	31.	By Ballance	617	—	—

Errors Excepted
℘ George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.

Dr. SILVER Cr.

March		lbs.	oz.	dwts.
1st.	To Ballance brought from last Month—Chests 40¼	11708	4	10

CONTRA.

March		chests.	lbs.	oz.	dwts.
27.	By Account Current London sent to China ℔ Ship Britannia	20	5813	4	—
31.	By Ballance	20¼	5895	—	10
	Chests ...	40¼	11708	4	10

ERRORS EXCEPTED
℔ GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.

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ACCOUNT SALE of the Honble Company's BROAD CLOTH by Publick Outcry, on the following Conditions VIZ[T].

1st. The Goods are to be exposed to view at the Godown.

2d. The Purchaser of any Goods shall be allowed twelve Months time to clear them or any Parcel of them out of the Warehouse without paying Rent or Allowance for Warehouse Room.

3dly. The Buyer on paying the Amount of his Goods or any Part thereof shall have such Parcel or Goods delivered to him, and no Goods whatever to be delivered till the Money is actually paid.

4thly. An Allowance or Discount shall be made to the Buyer of 9 ℔ Cent if paid in before the Expiration of six Months from the Commencement of the Sale and an Allowance in like Manner shall be made of 3 ℔ Cent, if paid in after six Months, and before the Expiration of twelve Months from the Commencement of the Sale aforesaid.

5th. After the Expiration of twelve Months if any Goods remain uncleared according to the Conditions aforesaid, such Goods shall be put up at publick Outcry and sold for ready Money, and if any Loss is occasioned, thereby, the Prior Purchaser shall be obliged to make good the same.

6th. If any Person shall fail to make Payment within twelve Months as aforesaid for any Goods bought by him, he shall not be permitted to be a Buyer at any future Sale untill he has made full satisfaction for such his Non Payment.

7thly. All Persons whatever without Distinction shall be free to purchase at the Company's Auction upon the Terms above written.

The Time of Sale.	Quality of the Goods.	Lot or Quantity.	Invoice Price.	Price put up at.	Price sold at.	Amount of each Lot.	To whom sold.
8th. April 1755.	AURORA[1] 2 .. ORDINARY RED 2. GREEN 2	6 Bales . ..	Pagodas 500 3 60	Pags. 575	..	Pags. 576	Comrapah Chitty.
	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	..	576	Arnagry Chittee.
	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	..	576	Nella Chittee.
	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	..	576	Paupah Chittee.
	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	..	576	Tagapah Chitty.
	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	..	576	Shealy Chitty.
	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	..	576	Comrapah Chitty
	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	..	576	Paupah Chittee.
	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	..	576	Tagapah Chitty.
	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.		576	Arnagry Chitty.
		60 Bales.			Pags.	5760	

ERRORS EXCEPTED

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8 TH. APRIL 1755.

℔ HENRY POWNEY
Imp°. Wareh°. keeper.

1 Aurora : A woollen fabric—("Love's Vestiges—Index Vol".)

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To the Honble GEORGE PIGOT Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of FORT St. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Having Occasion for Fourteen hundred Pagodas on Charter Party Terms for the use of the Ship Kent, should be glad you'l be pleased to order the said sum to be supplied to.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. humble servant

FORT St. GEORGE,
7th. April 1755.

GEORGE WILLSON.

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14 Sent by Tappies General Letters to Fort St. David and DevaCotah dated this day.

15 Arrived the Honble Company's Ship Prince George, William Ormston Provisional Captain, from Fort Marlbro, by which, Conveyance the following Letters are received VIZr.

From the Supravisor & Council dated ...	20th.	Febry 1755
From the Supravisor dated	23d.	do.
From the Military Officers	17th	do.
From Mr. Thomas Combes	4th.	do.
From Mr. Daniel Tottie	15th.	do.
From Mr. Henry Idell	20th.	do.
From Mr. John Massey	4th.	do.
From St. Helena	12th.	April 1754

.. Arrived Ship Dragon Dugald Mc. Earchn from Tenasseree.

.. Sent by Pattamars General Letters to Bombay and Tellicherry both dated this Day.

17 Captain Francis Taylor and Captn. Hamilton Parkinson being appointed to survey the Stowage of the Arrack on board the Prince George now deliver in their Report thereof which is as follows.

To The Honble GEORGE PIGOT Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

In Obedience to the Order directed to us by your Secretary, We have been on board the Prince George and as far as we can see the Arrack is properly stowed Bung up, & Bilge free,

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient Servants

FRANCIS TAYLOR.
HAM : PARKINSON.

FORT St. GEORGE
the 17th. April 1755.

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Whereupon it is Order'd that the said Arrack, and also the Sugar imported ℔ Prince George be sold at Outcry on Tuesday the 22d. Instant at one Month's Trust for the most they will fetch.

Sailed Ship George Herbert Sutherland for Ingeram with General Letter to the Resident there dated the 17th. Instant. 18

Sailed Brigantine St. Pedro, Coja Petrus for Ganjam. ..

Received by Tappies General Letter from DeveCotah dated 16th. Instt. 20

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVR. PRESIDENT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 14th. read and signed.

Mr. John Smith reports that he had visited the Hospital & found no just Cause of Complaint. **Hospital reported.**

General Letters read Vizt. **General Letters read Vizt.**

N. 59 General Letters from the Supravizor and Council, at Fort Marlbro dated 20th. Febry and N. 60 Seperate Letter from the Supravizor dated 23d. Febry containing the Transactions and Occurrences in the Honble Company's Affairs on the West Coast of Sumatra since the last Advices from thence. **From Fort Marlbro.**

N. 61. From the Military Officers at Fort Marlbro dated 17th. Febry, Representing that they are neither allowed Lodgings nor Oil as is the Custom at the Company's other Settlements which they request may be granted them, especially as Provisions and all other Necessaries are dearer there than at other Places. **From the Military officers at Fort Marlbro.**

N. 62. From Mr. Thomas Combes at Fort Marlbro dated 4th. Febry being in Answer to some Passages in the Genl. Letter to Fort Marlbro dated 21st. October where his Conduct is censured. **From Mr. Thos. Combes at Fort Marlbro.**

N. 63. From Mr. Daniel Tottie at Fort Marlbro dated 15th. Febry. containing a state of his Case and a Representation of the Injustice he imagines is done him in being dismissed the Company's service. **From Mr. Daniel Tottie.**

N. 64. From Mr. Henry Idell at Fort Marlbro dated 20th. Febry, Representing the Hardship he labours under in being obliged to make good Sundry Stores privately issued out of the storehouse &ca. as he asserts he was ordered to do so by his Superiour. **From Mr. Henry Idell.**

N. 65. From Mr. John Massey at Fort Marlbro dated 4th. Febry, Requesting that he may be allowed his Diet and Sallary from the time of his Dismission by the late Deputy Governour and Council was contrary to our Directions, received just before that Event, not to dismiss any Company's servant, but only suspend and wait our further Orders. **From Mr. John Massey.**

Agreed that all the said Letters from Fort Marlbro be referred to the Committee for Affairs of the West Coast to examine & report to the Board their Remarks thereon. **The above Letters referred to the West Coast Committee.**

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Genl. Letters read From St. Helena.

N. 66. General Letter from the Governour and Council of S^{t}. Helena dated 12th. April 1754 acknowledging the Receipt of our Letters of the 19th. April & 29th. October 1753 and containing their Indent to be Complied with in 1755.

From Devecotah.

N. 67 From M^{r}. Charles Hopkins Chief of DeveCotah dated 16th. Instant, serving only to accompany his Monthly Accounts for March.

A Report of the Condition of Woollen Goods & Velvets.

a Quantity damaged.

To be sold at outcry the 30th. Inst^{t}.

Mess^{rs}. Powney Smith & Bourchier appointed a Committee in Consultation the 14th. March to survey the state of Woollen Goods and report the condition thereof, now deliver in their Report with a state annexed as entered hereafter, whereby it appears that a very considerable quantity of Woollen Goods of different sorts have received so much Damage by the Worm, and that almost all the Velvets are spotted and mildewed to such a Degree as to be thought unsaleable in the Godown.

Order'd that the same be sold at Outcry at the Sea Gate on Wednesday the 30th. Instant at one Month's Trust for the most they will fetch.

44 Timbers of Extraordinary Length to be purchased for the Barracks.

The Committee for conducting the Works represent to the Board that the Engineer being in want of some Timbers of Extraordinary Lengths for the Barracks they have viewed the only Parcel for Sale in the Settlement and seperated forty four of the proper Dimensions amounting to Eleven hundred Pagodas.

Agreed that they be purchased for the use abovementioned.

A Cartel concluded with the Dutch for returning Deserters.

The Committee for transacting Affairs of Country Government &c^{a}. Report that they had concluded a Cartel or Agreement with the Dutch for delivering up Deserters of both Nations reciprocally which the Board approve.

To be published and the several Settlements to be advised.

Order'd that the same be published at the head of this Garrison, and that Notice thereof be given to the Company's several settlements on this Coast that they may conform themselves thereto.

Interest on the China Jesuits Money to be paid.

The President lays before the Board a Letter from Father Lavaur at Pondicherry Superiour General of the French Jesuits in India requesting to be paid the Interest due to the Jesuits Missionaries in China on a Bond for Twenty thousand Pagodas at Six ℔ Cent ℔ annum, and advising that he hath sent a Receipt for the same by a trusty Person to whom he desires the money may be delivered.

Agreed that the same be paid accordingly amounting to Ten thousand Eight hundred (10,800) being for Nine Years from the 31st. March 1746 to 31st. of March 1755.

The Cowle for DeveCotah Bounds expiring 31st. May next.

Publick Notices to be given for reletting Devacotah Bounds.

Order'd that Notice be affixed at the Sea Gate and that the Gentlemen at Fort S^{t}. David and DeveCotah be directed also to give Publick Notice that the said Bounds with the Revenue & Priviledges usually held and enjoyed therewith will be put up at Outcry at the Sea Gate at this Settlement on Saturday the 31st. day of May next and let for one year from the 1st. day of June to the highest Bidder provided, he be a responsible Person or capable of giving such Security for the Performance of Covenants as shall be approved of by the President & Council.

Diet of Arabs from Natal ℔ Kitty Snow to be paid for.

A Bill for the Diet of Sixteen Arabs brought from Natal ℔ Kitty Snow being laid before the Board amounting to Eighty Eight (88) Pagodas.

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Order'd that the same be paid to Messrs. Walsh & Vansittart on Account the Owners of the said Snow.

Sundries supplied the Dragon Sloop at Galle in 1753 to be paid for.

The Dutch Chief at Galle having supplied the Syrang of the Company's Sloop Dragon with Eighteen Rupees and twenty two Parrahs of Rice in the Year 1753 which thro' Omission has never been repaid, and Application being now made for the same.

Order'd that it be discharged by the Storekeeper.

Barbary Copper ℔ Norfolk intended for Bengal to be put up at Outcry here.

The Gentlemen at Bengal, in their Letter of the 20th. Febry having advised that Barbary Copper is an improper Sortment for their Market, wherefore they desire that what was consigned to them ℔ Norfolk, but landed at this Settlement, may be sold here.

Agreed that it be put up at Outcry at Sea Gate on Wednesday the 21st. day of May next, and that Notice be given accordingly.

The Cloth brought in by the Merchants represented to be extremely bad.

The Export Warehousekeeper represents that the Cloth lately brought in by the Merchants, is so extremely bad that a great Part has been rejected by the Sorters.

A Consultation to be held at the Sorting Godown on the 24th. to examine it.

Agreed that a Consultation be held at the Sorting Godown on Thursday next the 24th. Instant to examine the Cloth & consider of the Investment.

West Coast certificates to be paid.

The Five undermentioned Certificates for Money paid into the Honble Company's Cash at Fort Marlbro being presented to the Board Vizt.

Spanish Dollars	By whom paid in.	To whom payable.	Pag.	fa.	ca.
1000 — —	Richard Wyat ..	John Walsh	606	2	14
600 — —	Arthur Neill	dº.	363	22	72
1904 1 63	Robert Nairne ..	George Stratton ..	1154	6	53
82 2 —	Edward Pero	Thos. Pelling	50	—	—
222 2 —	Dº.	Willm. Burton ..	134	30	43
3808 5 63			2308	26	22

Order'd that the same be paid Accordingly.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in Fifteen thousand Eight hundred (15800) Pagodas from the Treasury.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Ar: Wynch.
Willm: Perceval.
John Smith.
Chs: Bourchier.

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To the Honble GEORGE PIGOT Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. COUNCIL
of FORT St. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Having surveyed the Woollen Goods represented by the Warehousekeeper to be damaged by the Worms we now lay before your Honour &ca. a particular Account of their Condition and Quantity and must observe they are really so bad that we apprehend they can never be disposed of in the Warehouse, but will most certainly grow worse by being kept there. The Velvets tho' not touched by the Worms are, except a few Pieces, extremely spotted, and many to a great Degree in which Situation it seems several appeared when they were first opened on their Arrival from England as some Pieces contained in the same Chests were found good, and the outside Package being free from Damage, we think there is great Reason to suspect they were put up in that Condition. These also we are of Opinion will never meet with a Vent in the Warehouse at least at the Company's stated Price.

We examined likewise the several Bales of Broad Cloth in the Warehouse in the best Manner we were capable of in their Package (as we understand the Opening of it might hurt it's sale,) The Merchants being averse to receiving it so and did not find the least Appearance of any kind of Damage on them.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. hble servants
HENRY POWNEY.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS: BOURCHIER.

FORT St. GEORGE,
21st. April 1755.

Account of Sundry Goods damaged in the Import Warehouse. Vizt.		Pieces	Yards.	Pieces	Yards.
Broad Cloth Medley	Worm Eaten throughout and most part mildewed.	30	—		
do. do. Remnants 28 ..	do. do.	—	99⅜		
				30	99⅜
*Camblets Red	Wormeaten only the Edges ..	5	—		
Do. Do. Remnants 3 ..	Wormeaten throughout ..	—	44⅝		
Do. Blue 1 ..	Do. ..	—	12¼		
				5	56⅞
†Shalloons Green..	Wormeaten throughout ..	9	—		
do. do. Remnants 5 ..	do. do. ..	—	5⅝		
do. Blue	do. do. ..	5	—		
do. Yellow	do. do. ..	14	—		
do. do. Remnants 4 ..	do. do. ..	—	26		
do. Red Remts. 2	do. do. ..	—	16		
				28	47⅝
Imboss'd Cloth Yellow	Wormeaten in a small Degree..	2	—		
do. do. do. Remnts 1.	Wormeaten throughout ..	—	4		
do. do. Pink	Wormeaten in a small Degree..	3	—		
do. do. White	do. do ..	2	—		
do. do. Green	Wormeaten throughout ..	1	—		
				8	4

* Camblets or Camlet-a stuff originally made of camel's hair—now frequently of hair and silk or of wool and thread.

† Shallyoons-From Chalons in France-A certain kind of worsted stuff where it was first made.

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		Pieces.	Yards.	Pieces.	Yards.
Carpets White	Wormeaten in a small degree ..	6	—		
d°. d°.	Wormeaten throughout ..	2	—		
d°. yellow	Wormeaten in a small degree ..	1	—		
d°. d°.	Wormeaten throughout ..	1	—		
d°. Pink	Wormeaten in a small degree ..	8	—		
d°. d°.	Wormeaten throughout ..	4	—		
				22	—
Shawls					
1 Bundle q^{t}. 34 yellow & 1 white	Wormeaten in a small degree ..	35	—		
1 d°. q^{t}. 5 Pink .. .. 1 white .. 18 yellow ..	Wormeaten in a greater degree.	24	—		
1 Bundle q^{t}. 5 Pink .. .. 14 yellow .. 1 white ..	wormeaten throughout ..	20	—		
				79	—
Deverets ‡	Wormeaten in a small Degree..	10	—		
d°.	d°. throughout ..	5	—		
d°. Remnants 4	d°. d°. ..	—	18		
				15	18
*Duroys	Wormeaten in a small Degree..	5	—		
d°.	d°. throughout ..	6	—		
d°. Remnants 1	d°. d°. ..	—	11½		
				11	11½
Flannels Culjeed	Wormeaten in a small degree..	..		7	—
†Perpetuanoes ord^{y}. Red ..	Wormeaten throughout ..	5	—		
d°. d°. d°.Remn^{ts}. 7 p.	d°. d°. ..	—	29¼		
d°. d°. d°. 5 d°.	d°. d°. ..	—	8¾		
d°. yellow	d°. d°. ..	1	—		
d°. Blue Remnts 8 d°.	d°. d°. ..	—	31		
d°. d°. 3 d°.	d°. d°. ..	—	1½		
				6	70½

HENRY POWNEY.
JOHN SMITH.
CH^{s}: BOURCHIER.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.
21ST. APRIL 1755.

Arrived Sloop George Thomas Reason from Nicobars. 22.

D°. Ketch Fortune, Hugh Bailley from the Mallabar Coast. 23.

Sent by Tappies General Letters to Fort S^{t}. David & DeveCotah dated this day. —

* Duroys—Woolen cloth.
† Perpetuanoes—The name of a cloth—It appears to have been a light and glossy willed stuff of wool (Hobson-Jobson).
‡ Durette—a coarse stout cloth.

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AT A CONSULTATION HELD AT THE SORTING GODOWN.

Present

THURSDAY THE 24TH. GEORGE PIGOT ESQR: GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEXR: WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

Mr. Perceval absent indisposed.

Merchants Brown Cloth examined.

Agreeable to Resolution of last Consultation the Board being met to view the Cloth lately brought in by the Merchants, several Parcells of Brown Cloth Vizt. Long Cloth Ordinary, Long Cloth Ordinary * Veerandaporam and Long Cloth Midling, are examined and found so much inferiour to Muster as to be unfit to be received on the Company's Account.

Pieces weighed.

The Muster Pieces of Cloth and several Pieces of the Merchants Cloth being weigh'd turn out on an average as under Vizt.

LONGCLOTH ORDINARY.

		lb. oz.
Muster Piece lb. oz. 10–8	Sunca Vencata Ramah & Ambalatoddy Chitty	their Cloth 8–15 difference 1–9
	Gundaveddy Ven: Ramah & Nella Chitty	their Cloth 9–8¼ difference—. 15¾

LONG CLOTH ORDINARY VERENDAPORUM.

Muster Piece lb. oz. 11–12.	Tellasinga Chitty &ca. Merchants	their Cloth 10–1¼ difference 1–10¾
	Gundaveddy Ven: Ramah & Nella Chitty	their Cloth 9–1½ difference 2–10¼

The Ends of three Pieces of the Merchants Eight Cawl Cloth, being torn off and counted, turn out Vizt.

1	1310 Threads	Average 1358 Threads, Whereas a Piece of Eight † Cawl Cloth reckoning 240 Threads
1 do.	1364 do.	
1 do.	1400 do.	

to each Cawl should contain in the Warp 1920 Threads, The Difference is 562 Threads or almost 2⅓ Cawls out of Eight.

The Merchants Called in.

The Merchants being called before the Board and questioned separately in regard to their Cloth all agree that the Badness of it is owing to the Dearness of Cotton which at present costs from 38 to 40 Pagodas ℔ Candy of the same kind that usually sold for 25 Pagodas ℔ Candy, but as this Years Crop will now shortly be gathered in they expect it will again fall to the usual Price in which Case they promise to bring in better Cloth.

The President then acquainted them that unless better Cloth can be provided for the Company's Prices at this Settlement it will be in vain to attempt an Investment as a Loss would certainly, attend it, and in such Case they must prepare themselves to pay in their Ballances which would be rigorously demanded of them that a Tryal might be made of other Merchants.

To which they replied that how great so ever their Inclination might be to give satisfaction they could not promise any more than that an amendment should be found in their Cloth in Proportion as the Price of Cotton should

* Veerandaporam—name of a Village.
† Cawl—Literally means leg—here it represents cloth measure.

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fall, They were then dismissed and the Board having considered of their allegations, are of Opinion that a further Tryal be made of them as it is well known that the Price of Cotton has for some time past been very high, & Experience has already proved that there are not any other Merchants of Credit in the Bounds who will undertake the Investment. Resolution of Consult.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS: BOURCHIER.

Received by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 21st. Instt. 24th.

Received by Peons do. from Bandarmalanka dated 3d. Instt. ..

Sent by Peons General Letters to Vizagapatam, Ingeram, Madapollam } dated this day. 25t.

Sent by Peons over land, Twenty thousand (20000) Pagodas to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David with a Letter from the Secretary advising thereof. ..

Arrived Ship Allysorroff John Andrews, from Tenasseree. 26th.

Sailed Ketch Fortune, Hugh Bailley for Bengal with General Letter to the President & Council there dated yesterday. ..

Arrived Snow Don Carlos, Ballo Sayrang, from Ingeram and Fort St. David. 28th.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR: GOVR: PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.	HENRY POWNEY.	MONDAY THE 28TH
ROBERT ORME.	ALEXR: WYNCH.	
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.	JOHN SMITH.	

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of the two last Consultations dated the 21st. and 24th. Instt. read and signed.

General Letters read Vizt. General Letters read.

N. 68. From the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David dated the 21st. Instant, acknowledging the Receipt of our Letters of the 10th. & 14th. Instant with the twenty thousand Pagodas sent them overland and acquainting us that they have reprimanded their Merchants, agreeable to our Directions and they promise an Amendment. That the Salem Merchants That Govindah Chitty being called upon for his Ballance pleads that 6000 Pagodas of it had been advanced by his Partner Tonneveroy Pillah to the Weavers, who refuse to bring in any Cloth, alledging they have settled with him That Govindah Chitty is ready to pay the rest or even half of the whole provided he could be disengaged from his Partnership with Tonneveroy Pillah, which they recommend to our consideration as the latter is a Man of bad Reputation but the other bears a universal good Character. That the Chief of Porto Novo has acquainted them of a Cartel concluded with the Dutch and in consequence thereof he has returned twenty four of our Men, but desires to be paid the From Fort St. David.

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Charges he has been at on their Account; That the allowance said in their annual Address to have been made the Trevenduporum Renters was a Mistake and should be only Eight thousand Eight hundred and Eighty two Pagodas, twenty five fanams and sixty Cash (8882–25–60).

From Bandarmalanka.

N. 69. From Mr. John Andrews at Bandarmalanka dated 3d. Instant, acknowledging the Receipt of our Letters of the 10th. Febry and 20th. March, and assuring us of his strict Compliance with our Agreement with the French for returning Deserters, and of his best Endeavours to promote the Investment, That the Dutch at Cacanarra and Palicol have received a supply of Eighty thousand Pagodas to be invested the greatest Part in fine Cloth, and if the French should provide any thing considerable it must affect his Investment. That if we will send him ten thousand (10,000) Pagodas more in two Months and 15000 about August, he hopes he shall be able to invest it. That he sent his Quick Stock in October last and now encloses the annual Report of the Charges of that Settlement with the Monthly Accounts for March.

To write to St. David about Gondaveddy Chitty [Govinda? & Tonneveroy Pillah

About The English Deserters returned from the French and Charges on those returned by the Dutch.

Agreed To write to the Gentlemen at Fort St. David in regard to Govinda Chitty & Tonneveroy Pillah that the Reason of contracting with setts of Merchants instead of single Persons is that the Company may have the better security for the Money they advance, This the Merchants are very sensible of, and therefore Govinda Chitty cannot reasonably expect the Company will disburthen him to load themselves with his Partner's Misconduct. That in regard to the four English Deserters who have returned to their Colours, should the French demand them or any others under the like Circumstances, they are to advise us and wait our Directions, That as to the Charges which the Chief of Porto Novo desires to be reimbursed on Account of the English Deserters returned, they may acquaint him We made no such demand for several Dutch Deterters We return'd to Sadrass, nor did the Chief of that Settlement require any thing of us for those he sent us back, and as it would create much Trouble and Confusion in Accounts we think it had best be avoided.

The Accountant Represents the Adjustments to be made in the Genl. Books • and desires more Assistants.

Letter from Mr. Robert Orme Accountant read as entered hereafter, Representing that the General Books of this Presidency and those of Fort St. David whilst such have never since the Loss of Madrass been regularly adjusted and is an undertaking that will require so much Time and Labour that tho he has all Reason to be satisfy'd with the Ability & Application of his Assistant Mr. Alexander, yet it is necessary he should be supplied with more and better hands than the other Assistants in the Office, which he submits to the Consideration of the Board as well as what Notice is proper to be taken of those who have hitherto held the Sub Accountant's Employ without attempting to rectify the Confusion.

Messrs. Dawsonne Drake Jas. Bourchier & Thos. Pelling to assist in the Accountants Office.

Agreed that Messrs. Dawsonne Drake and James Bourchier assist in the Accountants Office in such Branches as the Accountant shall think proper untill the Adjustments are compleated, And that Mr. Thomas Pelling (a Person well versed in publick Business) be taken into the said Office as an Assistant and that when the Business is brought up, such Gratuity be given him as his Application & Service shall merit.

Mr. Jas. Bourchier to be clerk the Committee of Treasury.

Letter from the Mayors Court in relation to Mr. Henry Vansittarts Resignation.

The Receipts and Issues of Bullion & Cash in the Treasury having been kept there only by Accounts Current and the regular Journal & Ledger Entries made in the Import Warehouse Books, altho the Treasure has been under the Charge of the Committee of Treasury It is Order'd that from the 1st. day of May next a Regular set of Books be opened for the Receipts & Issues of the Treasury under the Direction of the Committee of Treasury and that Mr. James Bourchier be the Clerk to the said Committee.

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Letter from the Register of the Mayor's Court read, signifying that Mr. Henry Vansittart one of the Aldermen and Judges of that Court having desired Leave to resign, the Court had granted his Request which is notified that another may be elected in his stead, signifying also the sentiments of the Court on the Form and Method of swearing in, an Alderman, and some Resolutions of the Court thereon. Letter from the Mayors Court in relation to Mr. Henry Vansittarts Resignation.

Order'd that the said Letter do lye on the Table to be further consider'd. Order'd to lye on the Table.

The Storekeeper lays before the Board an Account of four Months Wages due for the Prince George the 30th. Instant and Diet Money for the Commander and of four Months Advance to the 31st. August next amounting to five thousand Nine hundred and sixty Eight Rupees, also an Account of Disbursements for the said vessell in her last voyage to and from the West Coast amounting to One hundred and twenty two Dollars, three Soucoes, & Eighteen Cash (122–3–18) and request an Advance of three thousand (3000) Rupees towards discharging the same which is granted. Accott. of wages Impress & Disbursements ℔ Prince George produced.

George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master reads that Account for last Month, Ballance then due from the Mint two hundred and thirty four (234) Madrass Pagodas which are now paid in, and to the Mint forty nine Current Pagodas five fanams and ten Cash (Ct. Pags. 49–5–10) which are now paid him. Monthly Accots. read. Vizt. Mint.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due from him Forty one thousand Nine hundred and sixty one Pagodas thirty four fanams and thirty Eight Cash (41961–34–38) of which he now pays in twenty thousand (20,000) Pagodas in part. Import Warehouse.

Henry Powney Sea Customer reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due from him Five thousand three hundred and thirty seven Pagodas, six fanams and thirty Cash (5337–6–30) which is carried forward. Sea Customer

Robert Orme Export Warehousekeeper reads that account for the Months February and March Ballance due from him on the first, one thousand five hundred and Eighty Eight Pagodas, thirty three fanams and twenty seven Cash (1588–33–27) which is carried forward to the March account, the Ballance whereof due from him being three thousand four hundred and Eighty Eight Pagodas Eleven fanams and seventeen Cash (3488–11–17) is also carried forward. Export Warehouse.

Alexr. Wynch Storekeeper reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due from him Two thousand, one hundred and thirty Three Pagodas twenty two fanams and twenty Eight Cash (2133–22–28) which is carried forward. Storekeeper.

William Perceval Land Customer reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due from him six hundred and Eighty four Pagodas, twenty six fanams and sixty six Cash (684–26–66) which he now pays in. Land Customer.

John Smith Paymaster reads that Account for last Month.

Charges Garrison	Pags.	441	2 46
Hospital Charges		199	3 20
Peons & Servants Wages		514	24 40
Charges General		99	18 26
Charges Extraordinary		580	21 75
Repairs		1861	19 7
Fortifications		130	— 59
Poonemalee &ca. Villages		19	34 40
St. Thome &ca. Villages		20	11 40
Allowance of the Court of Request ...		12	12 —
Household Necessaries		129	16 —
Expedition to the Negrais		26	26 17
Charges Cattle		66	24 —
Charges Diet		583	12 —
	Pags. ...	4685	10 50

Ballance due to him One thousand Eight hundred and five Pagodas Eight fanams and forty four Cash (1805–8–44) which is carried forward.

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Monthly Accounts. The Particulars of the Extraordinary Expences in the Paymasters Accounts are entered hereafter.

Monthly Accounts. John Smith Military Paymaster reads that Account for last Month Ballance due from him two hundred and thirty one Pagodas, seventeen fanams and Forty Seven Cash (231–17–47) which is carried forward.

Military Storekeeper. Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due from him three hundred and fifty nine Pagodas, fifteen fanams and thirty five Cash (359–15–35) which is carried forward.

Engineer's Account. The Engineer's Account of Expences in Fortifications and Repairs is laid before the Board.

Money paid in For Rupees sold. Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in One thousand and eighty one Pagodas, two fanams and seventy three Cash (1081–2–73) for Rupees sold.

Rents paid in Beetle & Tobacco Farm. Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah and Permaul Kellava Chitty pay in the following Rents Vizt. For one Months Rent of the Beetle and Tobacco Farm due the 1st. Ultimo six hundred and sixty six Pagodas, twenty four fanams (666–24).

Arrack & Wine License. For one Months Rent of the Arrack and Wine License due the 1st. Ultimo three hundred and thirty three Pagodas twelve fanams (333–12).

Measuring Duty. Town Brokerage. For two Months Rent of the Measuring Duty due the 1st. ultO. One hundred and sixty six Pagodas twenty four fanams (166–24) For six Month's Rent of the Town Brokerage due the 1st. ultimo three hundred and Fifty (350) Pagodas.

Advances out of Cash. Agreed that the following Advances be made out of Cash Vizt.

To the Commissary To the Commissary Two thousand (2000) Pagodas to defray the charges of the Troops abroad.

To the Military Paymr. To the Military Paymaster Five thousand two hundred and seventy Pagodas, Nine fanams and fifty Eight Cash (5270–9–58) to pay the Military.

Advances to the Paymaster. Agreed to advance to the Paymaster six thousand (6000) Pagodas for Disbursements in that Employ, And

To the Military Storekr. To the Military Storekeeper seven hundred (700) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR: WYNCH.
WILLM: PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS: BOURCHIER.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST: GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Having given what attention my other Employs would admit, to the Inspection of the Accounts of this Settlement, I am to represent to You that the General Books of this Presidency as well as of Fort St. David whilst such, have never since the Loss of Madrass been regularly adjusted.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, APRIL 1755* ——

The proper Transfers of the Fort S[t]. David Accounts, the Adjustments of Vizgapatam, Ingeram, Madapollam, DeveCotah, as well as of the West Coast Books present a Labour which I fear the Application of a Twelve month will scarce accomplish.

I have all Reason to be satisfied with the Assistant I found in the Office, M[r]. Alexander, He is both willing and able, but it is absolutely necessary that he be supplied with more and better hands than those allotted to us at present. This Appointment I humbly submit to your Consideration.

I must likewise submit to your consideration the Notice which ought to be taken of those who have hitherto held M[r]. Alexanders Post, and who have made no Attempts to rectify this Confusion in so material a Branch of our Honble Masters Affairs.

I am with great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed[t]. & most h'ble Serv[t].

FORT S[T]: GEORGE.
28[TH]. APRIL 1755.

ROBERT ORME,
Accompt[t].

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCES IN THE PAY MASTER'S ACCOUNTS ARE IN THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS MARCH 31[ST]. 1755.

CHARGES GARRISON	Pag[s].	197	30	23
CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY		580	21	75
REPAIRS & FORTIFICATIONS		1991	19	66
POONEMALEE &C[A]. VILLAGES		19	34	40
S[T]. THOME &C[A]. VILLAGES		20	11	40
ALLOWANCE OF COURT OF REQUEST		12	12	—
HOUSEHOLD NECESSARIES		129	16	—
EXPEDITION TO THE NEGRAIS		26	26	17
		2978	28	21

ERRORS EXCEPTED

℔ JOHN SMITH

Paym[r].

APRIL.

29 Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort S[t]. David dated this day.

30 Arrived Sloop Elizabeth Will[m]. Finnimore from Trincomale.

— Received by Peons Gen[l]. Letters from Vizagapatam dated 7[th] April.
Ingeram 8[th]. d[o].
Anjengo 23[d]. March.

MAY

3 Sailed Sloop Elizabeth, William Finnimore, for Bengal.

4 Arrived Ship Speedwell, John Coatsworth from Bengal.

— *FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1755* —

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVT. PRESIDENT.

MONDAY THE 5TH. STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. —— ——
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

Mr. Alexr. Wynch *indisposed.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 28th. ulto. read and signed.

Hospital reported. Mr. Charles Bourchier reports that he had visited the Hospital but found no just cause of Complaint.

General Letters read Vizt.

N. 70 From Mr. Charles Boddam Chief &ca. Council at Vizagapatam dated 7th. ultimo, acquainting us that on Mr. Boddam's Arrival the charge of the Settlement was delivered over to him agreeable to our Directions as well as the Ballance of Cash. That the Stores ℔ Hartop were landed and turned out right. That the Country being in Peace, the Merchants promise to exert themselves in the Investment whence they are induced, to hope for Success and their Ballance of Cash being reduced by large Advances to their Merchants, they request a further Supply. That the European Centinels in their Garrison being no more than 32 and the greatest Part of those Dutch and French Deserters who cannot be depended on, they request we will consider the Necessity of exchanging those Men, and reinforcing their Garrison, and that a Serjeant with some others of the Train may be sent them. That being in some doubt whether our Directions of the 9th. January, concerning the Treaty concluded with the French are meant to prevent their proceeding in the New Wall from Martin Point to Torneroys Battery they have put a stop to that work untill they receive our Directions. That they shall write off to Account Presents the Rice supplied Nabob Mahomed Mohein Cawn's Family Requesting our Complyance with the Remaining Part of their Indent and Enclosing Monthly Papers. Cloth on hand 287 Corge.

From Ingeram. N. 71 From Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram dated 8th. April, acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 20th. March, and acquainting us that his Merchts. give him but small hopes of being able to do any thing extraordinary by August, occasioned by the Dearness of Cotton, the Crop being destroyed, That our Directions concerning the Works at Nellipellee shall be strictly complied with, and the annual Reports sent agreeable to Our Directions Enclosing the Monthly Papers for March.

From Anjengo. N. 72. From George Scott Esqr. Chief &ca. Factors at Anjengo dated 23d. March, Enclosing a Duplicate of their last and advising that the Honble Company's Ship Anson from Bengal imported there the 22d. March bound to Bombay.

Genl. Letters from Bengal. N. 73 & N. 74, From the President and Council of Bengal, The first dated the 10th. March, acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 9th. Jañry. and acquainting us that if we should be able to contribute to the Dispatch of one Ship in September they have a sufficient Number of Bales in their Warehouse to assist us with a Ship better than half laden, desiring that we will acquaint them whether We shall want any Salt Petre, and that We will send them down 3000 Maunds of Redwood. The other is dated the 13th. March acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 19th. Febry and congratulating Mr. Pigot on his Succession to this Government.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1755* ——

Agreed that the Gentlemen at Bengal be acquainted by the first Opportunity that at present we cannot well form a sufficient Judgment of our Investment to determine whether it will be most eligible to accept their offer of half a Ship, or whether We shall be able to load one entirely, but we shall write them fully on that subject by one of the Coast & Bay ships. Bengal to be wrote to.

Letter from Mr. Charles Bourchier Executor of the last Will and Testament of Captn. Jas. Cope deceased read as enter'd hereafter together with an Account of Sundries due from the Company to the said Estate, amounting to Arcot Rupees, One thousand seven hundred and twenty three three fanams and sixty five Cash (1723–3–65) of which he requests Payment. Letter from Mr. Chas. Bourchier desiring Payment of Sundries due to the Estate of Captn. Jas. Cope deceased.

Order'd that the Commissary examine whether the Particulars now demanded have been accounted for, and if they do not appear to have been paid that he discharge the same. Commissary to examine and pay if not already discharged.

Charles Bourchier Rental General and Scavenger delivers in the Accounts of that Revenue and Assessment for twelve Months ending 31 Augt. 1753 and pays in fourteen hundred Pagodas for quit Rents collected. The Ballances remaining due on both Accounts & carried forward are. Rental General and Scavengers Accounts produced. Ballance paid in part and Part carried forward.

On Account of Quit Rent ... ... Pags.	465	32	—
On Account of Scavengers Duty	442	14	70
Pagods. ...	908	10	70

The Bad Debts allowed to be wrote off in the foregoing Accounts are as follow. Bad Debts allowed.

On Account of Quit Rent ... ... Pags.	18	5	—
On Account of Scavengers Duty	4	27	—
Pags. ...	22	32	—

He also lays before the Board the Rent Rolls for the Year ending the 31st. Augt. 1754 which are now signed. Rent Rolls Ending 31st. Augt. 1754 signed.

The Amount of the quit Rents being ... Pags.	1595	24	
of the Scavenger's Duty ...	762	34	
Pags. ...	2358	22	

The President reads the Cash Account for last Month, Ballance remaining compared with the Chest Twenty Nine thousand one hundred and ninety three Pagodas, twenty one fanams and forty six Cash (Ct. Pags. 29193–21–46) and one thousand Eighty six Madrass Pagodas twenty one fanams and thirty five Cash (1086–21–35) which is carried forward. Cash Account read.

The Treasury Accounts for last Month are also read, The several Ballances being compared & found right are, Vizt. Arcot Rupees Forty Eight thousand and Ninety Nine, Eleven Anaes and one Pice (A. Rs. 48099–11–1) Madrass Rupees Three thousand two hundred and thirty five (M. Rs. 3235) Current Pagodas One hundred and fifteen thousand and sixty two, one Fanam and seventy Cash (Ct. Ps. 115062–1–70) Madrass Pagodas Twenty six thousand six Treasury Accounts read.

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hundred and seventeen (20617) And SILVER twenty Chests & one quarter containing Five thousand Eight hundred & ninety five Pounds and ten Penny
lbs. dwts.
weights (5895. –. 10) all which are carried forward.

Sea Customer and Export warehousekr. pay in Money on those Accounts.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in one thousand (1000) Pagodas on his running Account.

Robert Orme Export Warehousekeeper pays in three thousand (3000) Pags. on that Account.

Rent paid in for the 7 Magans of the Tripossore Country.

Pustponatha Nayenar, Rent of the Seven Megans of the Tripossore Country pays in seven thousand (7000) Pagodas which with three thousand (3000) Pagodas paid in the 14th. Ultimo is in full for six month's Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Febry.

Advance to the Commissary.

Agreed that two thousand seven hundred and two Pagodas twenty five fanams and twenty four Cash (2702–25–24) be advanced the Commissary to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad and that sum is now paid in from the Treasury for Rupees sold.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.

— —

WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS: BOURCHIER.

FORT St. GEORGE—APRIL 1755.

Dr. THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH.

1.	To Ballance brought from last Month's Account ... ... Pags.	20075	2	12
10.	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper received of him from the Treasury	10000	—	—
14.	To Oppajee Nayenar Renter of the Chingalaput Country, received of him (being with Pags. 6000 recd. the 14th. Ulto.) in full for six Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Febry last	5000	—	—
,,	To Oppajee Nayenar Renter of the Manamangalum Country received of him being (with Pags. 6000 recd. the 14th. Ulto.) in full for six months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Febry last ...	4000	—	—
,,	To Rayal Pundat Renter of the Poonemalee Country received of him being (with Pa. 6000 received 17th. Febry & Pags. 2000 recd. the 14th. Ulto.) in full for six Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Janry. last	4000	—	—
,,	To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd. of him on his Running Account	1000	—	—
21.	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper received of him from the Treasury	15800	—	—
23.	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper recd. of him from the Treasury	20000	—	—
28.	To George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master recd. of him the Ballance of Madrass Pagodas in that Account for last Month	284	—	—
,,	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper received of him on his Running Account ...	20000	—	—
,,	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper receiv'd of him for Rupees sold	1081	2	73
,,	To William Perceval Land Customer receiv'd of him the Ballance of that Account for last Month	684	26	66
	Carried forward ...	101924	31	71

CONTRA. Cr:

		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
1.	By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him to pay the Military	5270	9	58
,,	By John Smith Paymaster advanced for him Disbursements in that Employ	4000	—	—
,,	By Expedition to the Negrais purchased to be sent thither Arcot Snow 144000 Copper Cash.	50	—	—
8.	By Fort St. David sent thither by Peons overland	10000	—	—
11.	By Do. Do.	10000	—	—
14.	By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him further for the Charges of that Employ.	2000	—	—
,,	By John Smith Paymaster advanced him for the Disbursements of that Employ	1000	—	—
,,	By the Committee for conducting the works advanced them for providing Materials ...	2000	—	—
,,	By Account Curt. London, advanced Captn. George Wilson on Charter Party Terms to purchase Provisions & Necessaries for the ship Kent as ℔ Consultation this day	1400	—	—
,,	By Expedition to the Negrais paid Mrs. Mary Taylor a Gratuity agreed in Consultation the 31st. Ulto. to be allowed Mr. Thos. Taylor her late Husband since deceased for his Care & Trouble in that Expedition	560	—	—
,,	By his Majesty's Squadron, paid the Company's allowance of Five Pagodas ℔ day for Admiral Watsons Table from 10th. of Septr. to 31st. of March both inclusive 203 days	1015	—	—
21.	By Account Current London paid Father Lavaur Superiour of the French Jesuits in India, at Pondicherry, the Interest due to the Jesuits Missionaries in China on a Bond dated 1st. October 1726 for Pags. 20000 at 6 ℔ Cent ℔ Annum from 31st. March 1746 to 31st. March 1755 being 9 years	10800	—	—
		48095	9	58

Dr:

THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH—*cont.*

		Pags.		
	Brought forward ...	101924	31	71
28.	To Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah & Permaul Kellava Chittee Beetle & Tobacco Farmers recd. of them One Month's Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ulto.	666	24	—
28.	To Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah & Permal Kellava Chittee Farmers of the Arrack & Wine License received of them one Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ultimo	333	12	—
,,	To Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah & Permal Kellava Chittee Farmers of the Measuring Duty recd. of them two Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. ulto.	166	24	—
,,	To Pitloor Vencaty Kistna & Permal Kellava Chittee Farmers of the Town Brokerage recd. of them six Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. March last	350	—	—
	Star or Currt. Pagodas ...	103391	19	71

Cr:

CONTRA—*cont.*

		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
	Brought forward ...	48095	9	58
21	By Fort Marlbro paid the amount of the undermentioned Certificates as ☿ Consultation this day, Vizt.	2308	26	22

Sett.				By whom paid in	To whom payable			
1	1000	—	—	Richard Wyatt.	John Walsh Pags.	606	2	14
1	6000	—	—	Arthur Neil ..	Do. ..	363	22	72
1	1904	1	63	Robert Nairne..	George Stratton ..	1154	6	53
1	82	2	—	Edward Pero ..	Thomas Pelling ..	50	—	—
1	222	2	—	do. ..	William Burton ..	134	30	43
	[3805	5	63			2308	26	22]
25.	By Fort St. David sent thither by Peons overland as ☿ Consultation of the 14th. Instt.					20000	—	—
28.	By Madrass Pagodas for the Mint March Ballance					234	—	—
,,	By George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master paid him the Ballance of Current Pagodas in that Account for March last					49	5	10
,,	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad ...					2000	—	—
,,	By Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that Employ.					700	—	—
						74197	34	25
30.	By Ballance carried to next Month's Account.					29193	21	46
	Star or Currt. Pagodas ...					103391	19	71

Dr.

MADRASS PAGODAS.

Cr.

		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.			Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
1.	To Ballance brought from last Month's Account.	852	21	35					
	To the Honble Company's Cash for the Mint March Ballance	234	—	—					
28	Mads. Pagods. ...	1086	21	35	30.	By Ballance carried to next Month's Account.	1086	21	35

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FORT ST. GEORGE,
30TH. APRIL 1755.

ERRORS EXCEPTED
℔ GEORGE PIGOT.

TREASURY ACCOUNTS.

Dr.

SILVER.

CONTRA.

Cr.

		dwts.					dwts.		
1755. April. 1st.	To Ballance brought from last Month. Chests 20¼	5895	—	10	1755. April. 30.	By Ballance. Chests 20¼	5895	—	10

ERRORS EXCEPTED
℔ GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.

Dr: ARCOT RUPEES. Cr:

		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.			Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
1755. April.					1755. April.				
1st.	To Ballance brought from last Month	72099	11	1	3.	By Expedition to the Negrais Arcot Snow ...	20000	—	—
					28.	By Import Warehousekeeper delivered him for sale	4000	—	—
							24000	—	—
						By Ballance	48099	11	1
		72099	11	1			72099	11	1

ERRORS EXCEPTED
℘ GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.

Dr: MADRASS RUPEES. Cr:

		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.			Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
1755. April.					1755. April.				
1st.	To Ballance brought from last Month	3235	—	—	30.	By Ballance	3235	—	—

ERRORS EXCEPTED
℘ GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.

Dr. CURRENT PAGODAS. Cr.

		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.			Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
1755. April.					1755. April.				
1.	To Ballance brought from last Month ...	160862	1	70	10.	By the Honble Company's Cash paid in ...	10000	—	—
					21.	By Ditto	15800	—	—
					23.	By Do.	20000	—	—
							45800	—	—
					30.	By Ballance	115062	1	70
		160862	1	70			160862	1	70

ERRORS EXCEPTED
℘ GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.

Dr. MADRASS PAGODAS. Cr.

		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.			Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
1755. April.					1755. April.				
1.	To Ballance brought from last Month	617	—	—					
21.	To Linga Chittee received of him	10000	—	—					
30.	To do. do.	10000	—	—					
		20617	—	—	30.	By Ballance	20617	—	—

ERRORS EXCEPTED
℘ GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.

Dr. CHARLES BOURCHIER SCAVENGER. Cr.

		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
1754. April. 29.	To Ballance of last Account Current of this Date.	587	31	40
	To the Amount of the Scavengers Duty from 1st. Septr. 1752 to the 31st. of August 1753 ...	748	10	—
	Pagodas ...	1336	5	40

			Pags.	Fa.	Ca.	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
1754. Augt. 31.	By 12 Months Charges Vizt.							
	Servants Wages		304	2	40			
	Feeding Buffaloes		367	22	40			
	Making new Carts & other incident Charges		97	10	50			
						768	35	50
	By 12 Months Scavengers Allowances					120	—	—
	By the Amount of Scavengers Duty unreceived on houses and Gardens at present not inhabited or else possess'd by People really poor and in no visible Capacity to pay					4	27	—
						893	26	50
	By Ballance due, to be paid out of the Moneys to be collected on the Roll for the Year ending 31st. August 1754					442	14	[70]
		Pagodas ...				1336	5	40

FORT ST. GEORGE.
30TH. APRIL 1755.

ERRORS EXCEPTED
℘ CHARLES BOURCHIER
Scavenger.

CHARLES BOURCHIER RENTAL GENERAL.

Dr.		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
1754. April. 29.	To Ballance of last account Current of this Date.	380	10	—
	To the Amount of the Rent Roll ending 31st. August 1753	1569	3	—
	Pagodas ...	1949	13	—

Cr.		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
1754. Augt. 31.	By Servants Wages for 12 Months	65	12	—
	By Bad Debts on houses &ca. at present not inhabited or else possessed by People really poor			
April 30th.	and in no visible Capacity of paying	18	5	—
	By Cash now paid into Consultation	1400	—	—
		1483	17	—
,,	By Ballance due to be paid out of the Moneys to be collected on the Roll for the Year ending 31st. of Augt. 1754	465	32	—
	Pagodas ...	1949	13	—

ERRORS EXCEPTED

℘ CHARLES BOURCHIER
Rental General.

FORT ST. GEORGE.
30TH. APRIL 1755.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1755* ——

To the Honble GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
President and Governour &ca. COUNCIL
of FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Being appointed by the late Captain James Cope, one of the Executors of his last Will and Testament, as such I now take the Liberty of laying before You an Account of some Particulars, which are still due to the Estate from the Honble Company I must apologize to your Honour &ca. for not delivering it in earlier, The Attention the Secretary's Employ required from me, during my Continuance in it almost two years after Captn. Cope's Decease, as well as the several Branches of the Honble Company's Business in which I have been since engaged I persuade myself, will sufficiently convince you I could have but little Leisure to apply myself to adjusting Accounts so perplexed as those of the Estate in General have proved to be, and am from thence induced to hope, that this not being sooner presented to You, will be an Argument of no Weight with your Honour &ca. against passing it, and paying the sum that thereby appears due to the Estate from the Honble Company, which is now become the Claim of a Daughter, unhappy, in being left an Orphan under age, Who I must presume so far as to say I think merits a particular Regard, Her unfortunate Father having lost his Life in the Honble Company's Service, and your Honour &ca. I can't doubt are acquainted that he ever shewed the utmost Assiduity in his Endeavours to promote their Interest.

I am with much Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient
Humble servant
CHAS: BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
1st. May 1755.

THE HONBLE EAST INDIA COMPANY, TO THE ESTATE OF CAPTAIN JAMES COPE DECEASED.

	Rs.	Fa.	Ca.
To Hospital Bills of Doctor Barrow for dieting Men in the Hospital in June 1751, not yet brought to Account any where; It was often demanded, of Captain De Gingins who refused the Payment, alledging he had Nothing to do with it, But as it really was his Duty to have discharged the same, It was therefore omitted to be charged to the Company in proper Time. The Amount is	84	8	6
To Pay to Seapoys and Lascars for the Month of January 1751–2 which shoud have been entered in the Military Paymaster's Accounts as the preceeding Month's Abstracts were, But as Captn. Cope died the Beginning of Febry, they were omitted to be sent to St. David and have not yet been brought to account any where. have not yet been brought to account any where.	806	6	—
To Pay to Seapoys a Detachment belonging to Comrapahs Company, consisting of 43 Persons as ℔ Abstract for the Months of August, & September 1751, who were then sent on Duty to Negapatam and there advanced this sum by Mr. Vanson Captn. Cope's Agent and charged to his Account, but never repaid him, their Pay not being remitted with that for the rest of the			

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	Rs.	Fa.	Ca.
Company then on the DeveCotah Establishment, nor was this Detachment included in any Pay Rolls for the said two Month's, either at Camp or elsewhere, as appears by vouchers from Mr. Hancock, who then paid the People in Camp and Captain Maskelyne then Commanding Officer at DeveCotah, wherefore the same is really due from the Company	570	—	—
To Sundry Expences on the Company's & other Publick Services as ℔ particular Account whereof there remains due	262	1	59
ARCOT RUPEES ...	1723	3	65

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1ST. MAY 1755.

ERRORS EXCEPTED

℔ CHAS. BOURCHIER,
Executor of the Estate.

Sailed His Majesty's Sloop King fisher Captn John Harrison for Fort St. David. 6TH.

Sailed Squirrel Schooner John Jennicor for Negapatam. 7

Received by Pattamar General Letter from Bombay dated 2d. April. 8

Received by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 6th. Instt. 9

Arrived Snow Neptune, Andrew Kerr from Fort St. David. 10

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVR. PRESIDENT.
STRINGER LOWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEXR. WYNCH. MONDAY THE 12TH.
... ... JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

MR. WILLM. PERCEVAL *absent being indisposed.*

THE Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 5th. Instant read and signed.

Mr. Powney reports that he had visited the Hospital and found no just Cause of Complaint. Hospital reported.

General Letters read, vizt. Genl. Letters read.

N. 75 from the President & Council of Bombay dated 2d. April serving only to enclose a Duplicate of their last. From Bombay.

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From St. David.

N. 76 From the Deputy Governour and Council at Fort S^{t}. David dated the 6th. Instant acknowledging the Receipt of our Letters of the 25th. and 29th. ultimo with twenty thousand Pagodas, and acquainting us that they have published the Cartel with the Dutch That they had caused the Houses in Cuddalore used as an Hospital to be valued, and they amount, together with the Ground to nine hundred & ten, Pagodas & a half, desiring our Directions in regard to the Payment thereof as well as the Rent for Eight years. That they have been occupied by the King & Company That Nagore Kistna and Ramia being called upon to bring in Cloth; desired to pay in their Ballance in Money, alledging that the Morattas being about Seringham, they could not risk their Money among the Weavers, but the other Salem Merch^{ts}. having promised to bring in their Ballances in Cloth in twenty Days and then receive a fresh Advance Desiring our Directions thereon.

St. David to be wrote to pay for the Houses at Cuddalore used as an Hospital but not for the Ground.

To give Notice that they will receive proposals for the Investment.

Agreed to write to the Gentlemen at Fort S^{t}. David that in the valuation of the Houses at Cuddalore, They should not have included the Ground as that belongs to the Company, That the value of the Houses may be paid to the owners which as they have been greatly improved will be a sufficient satisfaction in lieu of Rent for the Time the Company occupied them. That if Nagore Kistnah & Ramiah persist in declining the Insvestment they must pay in their Ballances immediately, and publick Notice must be given that all persons inclined to undertake any Part of the Investment may deliver in their Proposals which are to be communicated to Us.

Broad Cloth & Copper from Bengal permitted to be landed.

The President acquaints the Board that Application had been made to him for Leave to land and dispose of a Parcell of Broad Cloath and Copper brought up from Bengal in the Ship Speedwell.

Calculate of the difference in the Europe Invoice Price between the Bay and this Place.

Agreed that the same be permitted to be landed and sold, and as it may seem extraordinary, that Cloth bought at the Company's sales at Bengal should be brought up to this Market at a time when our Board Cloth has been so frequently put up at Outcry to no Purpose; it is remarked here for the Information of our Honble Masters That reckoning 377 Arcot Rup^{s}. for 100 Pagodas which is the medium Price, all Europe in Commodities turn out above 14½ ℔ Cent cheaper at Bengal than here exchanging the Pagoda at Eight shillings and the Cur^{t}. Rupee at two shillings and three pence; For Example, suppose the average Europe Invoice Price of Broad Cloth Aurora to Bengal and this Place be the same in Sterling Money Viz^{t}.

Coast Price.

1 Piece £6—12 @ 8 sh. ℔ Pagoda is Pag^{s}. 16—18 @ 377 Ar. Rup^{s}.			
for 100 Pag^{s}. is ... ... A. R^{s}.	62	3	3
8 ℔ Cent Batta	4	15	7
	67	2	10
Bengal Price. 1 p^{c}. £6–12 @ 2/3 ℔ Curr^{t}. Rupee is.	58	10	8
Difference ...	8	8	2

which is after the Rate of £14–10–4¾ upon every £100.

Account Sales of damaged Broad Cloth delivered in.

The Import Warehousekeeper lays before the Board an account sale of Damaged Cloth sold at Outcry the 30th. by Order of Consultation the 21st. ultimo also an account sale of sundry Pieces of Cloth which were damaged in bringing on shoar from the Ilchester and Ordered to be sold in consultation the 15th. July last, both which accounts are entered hereafter.

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A Certificate is laid before the Board from the Accountant General of the Mayors Court that Mr. Solomon Franco is by Order of the said Court to pay in to the Governour & Council the sums of Three thousand (3000) Pagods. and three hundred and twenty four (324) Rupees which are to be placed to the Account of the Accountant General, and to the Credit of the Estate of Solomon Salomons. Money to be paid in from the Mayor's Court Account of Solomon Salomons.

Order'd that the same be received into the Treasury and for that Purpose a Receipt is now signed by the Committee of Treasury.

Agreed that One thousand (1000) Pagodas be advanced the Storekeeper for the Charges of that Employ. Advances to the Storekeeper.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR: WYNCH.
... ...
JOHN SMITH.
CHS: BOURCHIER.

ACCOUNT SALE of Sundry damaged Goods by Public Outcry Vizt.

The Time of sale.	Quality of the Goods.	Lot or Quantity	Yards.	Invoice Price.				Price put up at	Price sold at			Amount of each Lot.			To whom sold.
April the 30th. 1755.	Broad Cloth Medley.	7 Remnants ..	21 5/8	Pagodas.	1	32	27		Pags. —	33	40 ℔ yard.	Pagod . 20	4	35	Captain Savage.
	Do.		27 1/2		1	32	27		—	30	— ℔ do.	22	33	—	Naganah.
	Do.		23 1/2		1	32	27		—	26	— do.	16	35	—	Condah Chitty.
	Do.		13 1/2	Do.					—	17	—	6	13	40	Gruah.
	Do.		20 1/4	Do.					1	—	—	20	9	—	Iapah Chitty.
	Do.		19	Do.					—	22	—	11	22	—	Condah Chitty.
	Do.		17	Do.					—	21	—	9	33	—	Verago.
	Do.		28 3/8	Do.					—	27	—	21	10	10	Naganah.
	Do.		17 3/8	Do.					—	17	—	8	7	30	Verago.
	Do.		25 1/2	Do.					—	24	—	17	—	—	Naganah.
	Do.		26 1/4	Do.					—	26	—	18	34	40	Coja Oven John.
	Do.		20 3/8	Do.					—	22	—	12	16	20	Yagapah.
	Do.		15 1/2	Do.					—	26	—	11	7	—	Mootiah.
	Do.		22	Do.					—	18	—	11	—	—	Narsoo.
	Do.		27	Do.					1	1	—	27	27	—	Coja Oven John.
	Do.		25 3/4	Do.					—	25	—	17	31	60	Vencaty Ramah
	Do.		21 1/2	Do.					—	22	—	13	5	—	Ditto.
	Do.		15 1/2	Do.					—	21	—	9	1	40	Mootiapah.
	Do.		18 5/8	Do.					—	22	—	11	13	60	Coja Oven John.
	Do.		23 3/4	Do.					—	26	—	17	5	40	Condah Chitty.
	Do.		27	Do.					—	19	—	14	9	—	Saumynadar.
	Do.		26 1/4	Do.					1	5	—	29	32	20	Nella Chitty.
	Do.		27 1/2	Do.					—	25	—	19	3	40	Mootiah.
	Do.		27	Do.					1	6	—	31	18	—	Ditto.
	Do.		13 1/2	Do.					1	7	—	16	4	40	Ditto.
	Do.		26	Do.					—	28	—	20	8	—	Gruapah.
	Do.		26 3/4	Do.					—	29	—	20	29	—	Conda Chitty.
	Do.		24 1/2	Do.					1	4	—	27	8	—	Coja Oven John.
	Do.		26 1/4	Do.					—	29	—	21	5	20	Mootiah.
	Do.		27	Do.					—	33	—	24	27	—	Coja Oven John.
	Do.		26 1/4	Do.					—	31	—	22	21	60	Conda Chitty.

ACCOUNT SALE of Sundry damaged Goods—*continued.*

The Time of sale.	Quality of the Goods.	Lot or Quantity.	Yards.	Invoice Price.	Price put up at	Price sold at	Amount of each Lot.	To whom sold.
April the 30th 1755	Broad Cloth Medley.	12 Remnants	44¼	Pags. 1 32 27 ℔ Yard		— 22 — ℔ yd.	Pags. 24 21 —	Vencaty Ramah.
	D°.	9 d°.	33¾	D°.	Pags.	— 22 —	20 22 40	Tomboo Chitty.
	B^d. Cloth Superfine Scarlet	17 Remnants q^t.	25	1 23 14		1 19 — ℔ yd.	38 7 —	Nella Chitty.
	D°.	15 d°.	17⅜	D°.		1 19 —	26 19 50	Ditto.
	Broad Cloth Scarlet.	27 d°.	25	D°. 1 1 30		1 7 —	29 31 —	Narrain Chitty.
	D°.	31 d°.	25	D°.		1 5 —	28 17 —	Arnachilum.
	D°.	20 d°.	16⅝	D°.		1 4 —	18 17 —	Narso.
	D°. fine yellow	2 d°.	1⅛	D°. — 28 67		— 26 —	— 32 40	Tomboo Chitty.
	D°. double Colour.	2 d°.	1¼	D°. 2 15 60		2 12 —	2 33 —	Mootiah.
	D°. fine white ..	6 d°.	4⅛	— 23 64		— 31 —	3 19 70	Ditto.
	D°. d°. Green ..	28 d°.	16⅝	— 29 78		— 28 —	12 33 40	Vencaty Ramah.
	D°. d°. Blue ..	18 d°.	17⅞	— 30 19		— 27 —	13 14 50	Tagapah Chitty.
	D°. d°. Black ..	3 d°.	2⅞	— 27 20		— 28 —	2 8 40	Mr. Munro.
	D°. Aurora ..	23 d°.	25½	— 30 10		— 25 —	17 25 40	Linganah.
	D°. d°. ..	15 d°.	22¾	— 30 10		— 27 —	17 2 20	Gruah.
	D°. Ordinary Red	7 d°.	9¾	— 21 4		— 16 —	4 12 —	Naganah.
	D°. d°. Yellow ..	5 d°.	2	— 22 30		— 19 —	1 2 —	Linganah.
	D°. d°. Green.	12 d°.	10	— 22 60		— 25 —	6 34 —	Ditto.
	D°. d°. * Paupinjay ..	2 d°.	3⅞	— 20 55		— 17 —	1 29 70	Suberiah.
	D°. d°. Blue	7 d°.	9½	— 23 30		— 24 —	6 12 —	Linganah.
	D°. d°. Red	2 d°.	5⅛	— 21 4		— 24 —	1 31 40	Vencaty Ramah.
	D°. d°. Blue	10 d°.	10¼	— 23 30		— 24 —	4 18 —	Vencatatry.
	PERPETUAN^s. broad Green ..	3 d°.	1¾	— 12 0		— 16 —	— 28 —	Moodoo.
	D°. Ordinary Blue ..	2 d°.	1½	— 7 7		— 10 —	— 15 —	Mootiahpah.
	D°. d°. Green —	7 d°.	8	— 7 7		— 11 —	2 16 —	Verago.

* A green cloth.

ACCOUNT SALE of Sundry damaged Goods—*continued.*

Time of sale.	Quality of the Goods.	Lot or Quantity	Invoice Price	Price put up at	Price sold at.	Amount of each Lot	To whom sold.
April the 30th 1755	PERPETUANs.						
	Ordinary Broad scarlet ..	1 Remaants qt.	1 — 18 50	— 11 —		— 15 —	Vedamelly.
	Dº. fine dº. ..	7 dº.	6⅜ — 10 25	— 10 —		1 27 60	Venganah.
	D. ordinary red ..	8 dº.	10½ — 7 7	— 9 —		2 22 40	Comrah.
	Dº. dº. Orange ..	3 dº.	12½ — 7 7	— 8 —		2 28 —	Mootiahpah.
	Broad French Yellow	2 dº.	2⅛ — 7 7	— 10 —		— 21 20	Kisheviah.
	Dº. Ordinary Red ..	Pieces 1	4 25 47 ℔ piece	6 — —	℔ piece	6 — —	Nella Mootah.
	Dº. dº. Orange ..	Dº. 1	Dº.	6 — —		5 9 —	Ditto.
	Broad Cloth Ordy. red.	dº. 1	Pags. 4 25 47 ℔ pl.	5 22 40		5 22 40	Mootiahpah.
	Dº. dº. Green ..	dº. 1	Dº.	6 — —		6 — —	Anda Chitty.
	Dº. dº. dº.	dº. 1	Dº.	5 9 —		5 9 —	Nella Mootah.
	Dº. dº. yellow.	dº. 1	Dº.	5 13 40		5 13 40	Mootal Chitty.
	Dº. dº. Blue ..	dº. 1 yards ..	Dº.	5 27 —		5 27 —	Mootiah.
	Dº. broad Green.	Pie. 2 1½ ..	dº. — 12 — ℔ yard.			— 11 —	Condapah.
	Dº. dº. Dº. ..	dº. 2 8¾ ..	Dº.	1 22 40		1 22 40	Ragnia Cootoo.
	Dº. yellow ..	dº. 7 29¼ ..	dº. — 7 7			6 4 40	Narso.
	Flannels white ..	4 Remants 6⅜ ..	— 7 65	— 21 —	℔ yard	3 25 70	Suberiah.
	Dº. Culjeed ..	Pieces 1 ..	14 26 — ℔ piece			13 — —	Conarie.
	Dº. dº. ..	do. 1 ..	14 26 —			13 22 40	Vencaty Narrain.
	Dº. dº. dº. ..	1 ..	— 14 26			17 9 —	Mootiah.
	Dº. dº. ..	do. 1	14 26 —			14 9 —	Tagapah Chitty.

ACCOUNT SALE of Sundry damaged Goods—*continued.*

Time of sale.	Quality of the Goods.	Lot or Quantity.	Invoice Price.	Price put up at	Price sold at	Amount of each Lot	Towhom sold.
30 April 1755.	Camblets Blue ..		12¼ — 14 — ℔ yard.		— 14 — ℔ yard	4 27 40	Carack Jacob.
	D°. Red ..		45½ — 16 78 ℔ d°.		— 14 —	17 25 —	Captn. Mc. Eacharan.
	D°. d°. ..		49 — 16 78		— 17 —	23 5 —	Mr. Smith.
	D°. d°. ..		49 — 16 78		— 16 —	21 28 —	Captn. Mr. Eacharan.
	D°. d°. ..		49½ — 16 78		— 18 —	24 27 —	Captain Bridge.
	D°. d°. ..		46½ — 16 78		— 13 40	17 15 60	Verago.
	D°. d°. ..		22⅛ — 16 78		— 16 —	9 30 —	John Howter.
	D°. d°.		18¼ — 16 78		— 11 40	5 29 70	Mootiah.
	D°. d°. ..		4¼ — 16 78		— 17 40	2 2 30	Ditto.
		Pieces.					
	Carpets large	1	8 16 40 ℔ piece.		10 4 40	10 4 40	Linganah.
	D°. d°.	1	8 27 —			6 13 40	Comrapah Chitty.
	D°. d°.	1	D°.			4 — —	Vellaph.
	D°. d°.	1	D°.			11 — —	Captn. Mr. Eacharan.
	D°. d°.	1	D°.			10 27 —	Ditto.
	D°. d°.	1	D°.			12 18 —	Mariahpah.
	D°. d°.	1	5 30 —			6 27 —	Captn. M. Eacharan.
	D°. d°.	1	D°.			6 27 —	Linganah.
	D. small	1	3 18 —			3 4 40	Nella Tomboo.
	D°. d°.	1	5 19 40			5 13 40	Mootiah.
	D°. d°.	1	5 30 —			4 18 —	Ditto.
	D°. d°.	1	5 14 20			4 — —	Tyapah.
	D°. d°.	1	D°.			6 18 —	Nella Tomboo.
	D°. d°.	1	3 18 —			3 4 40	Mariahpah.
30 April 1755.	D° d°.	1	1 Pags. 3 18 — ℔ pc.			3 9 0	Nella Chitty.
	D°. d°.	1	D°.			3 18 —	Mootiah.
	D°. d°.	1	D°.			3 0 0	D°.
	D°. d°.	1	D°.			3 9 0	Nella Chitty.
	D°. d°.	1	D°.			3 4 40	Nella Tomboo.
30 April 1755	Carpets small.	1	Pags. 3 18 0 ℔ pc.			3 9 —	Nella Chitty.
	D°. d°.	1	D°.			3 4 40	Nella Tomboo.
	D°. d°.	1	D°.			2 27 —	Kistniah.

ACCOUNT SALE of Sundry damaged Goods—*continued.*

Time of sale.	Quality of the Goods.	Lot or Quantity.	Invoice Price.	Price put up at.	Price sold at.	Amount of each Lot.	To whom sold.
		30th April 1755—*cont.*				30th Aprl 1755—*cont.*	
		Piecee.				Pags.	
	DEVERETTS.	1	Yards qt. 30	12 40 —	℔ pc.	Pags. 4 40 — ℔ yd.	3 27 — Saumy Nadar.
	Do.	1	& 30	Do.		Pags. 7 40 — ℔ yd.	6 9 0 M . Bourchier.
	IMBOSS'D CLOTH.	1	Pags.	23 9 —			18 4 40 Meerbauca.
	Do.	1		Do.			14 18 — Mootal Chitty.
	Do.	1		Do.			15 — — Condapah.
	Do.	1		Do.			17 22 40 Condah Chitty.
	Do.	1		Do.			11 31 40 Vencatachilum.
	Do.	1		Do.			20 — — Captn. Burman.
	Do.	1		Do.			21 — — Tomboo Chitty.
	Do.	1		Do.			16 — — Sawmy Nadar.
	Do.	1 Remnant		Do.			2 13 40 Tellasinga.
	SHALLOONS GREEN	1 *Piece* ..	*Pags.*	6 25 76			6 27 — Vencaty Ramah.
	Do. do.	1 do. ..		Do.			5 4 40 Narso.
	Do. do.	1		Do.			7 4 40 Tomboo Chitty.
	Do. do.	1		Do.			7 22 40 Dermishevah Chitty.
	Do. do.	1		Do.			6 13 40 Narrain Chitty.
	Do. do.	1		Do.			6 4 40 Chellumbrum.
	Do. do.	1		Do.			6 13 40 Ditto.
	Do. do.	1		Do.			6 18 — Veroo Pachey.
	Do. do.	1		Do.			7 — — Mootiah.
	Do. do.	1 Remnant yards ..	5⅝ ..	Do.			1 13 40 Moodo.
	Do. do.	1 Piece ..	..	Do.			9 6 — Verago.
	Do. Blue	1		Do.			6 — — Captain Burman.
	Do. do.	1		Do.			6 — — Comrah.
	Do. do.	1		Do.			6 27 — Mootiahpah.
	Do. do.	1		Do.			6 4 40 Narrain Chitty.

ACCOUNT SALE of Sundry damaged Goods—*continued.*

Time of sale.	Quality of the Goods.	Lot or Quantity.	Invoice Price.	Price put up at.	Price sold at.	Amount of each Lot.	To whom sold.
30th. April 1755.	SHALLOONS Blue.	1 Piece ..	Pag. .. 6 25 76			6 18 —	Mootiah.
	Dº. dº.	1 Remnt.qt. $3\frac{1}{8}$ yards	Dº.			— 28 10	Tomboo Chitty.
	Dº. Red	$16\frac{1}{2}$ yards				4 — —	Mariapah.
	Dº. Yellow.	1 Piece	Pags. .. 6 25 76 ℔ piece.			4 27 —	Narrain Chitty.
	Dº. dº.	1 dº.	Dº.			7 9 —	Vencatatry.
	Dº. dº.	1 dº.	Dº.			7 9 —	Paupah.
	Dº. dº.	1 dº.	Dº.			7 9 0	Mootiah.
	Dº. dº.	1 dº.	Dº.			7 4 40	Narrain Chitty.
	Dº. dº.	1 dº.	Dº.			4 18 —	Tellasinga Narrain.
	Dº. dº.	1 dº.	Dº.			4 31 40	Ditto.
	Dº. d.	1 dº.	Dº.			4 — —	Ditto
	Dº. dº.	1 dº.	Dº.			6 — —	Verro Pachey.
	Dº. dº.	1 dº.	Dº.			3 31 40	Kistnama Chitty.
	Dº. dº.	1 dº.	Dº.			7 22 40	Mootiah.
	Dº. dº.	1 dº.	Dº.			4 4 40	Tellasinga Narrain.
	Dº. dº.	1 dº.	Dº.			4 4 40	Ditto.
	Dº. dº.	1 dº.	Dº.			6 — —	Ditto.
	Dº. dº.	4 Remnants qt. 26 yds.	Dº.			5 — —	Servanah.
	DUROY	1 Piece	Pags. 3 32 61 ℔ piece.			1 31 40	Mr. Munro.
	Dº.	1 dº.	Dº.			1 8 —	Nella Mootah.
	Dº.	1 dº.	Dº.			1 10 —	Mootiapah.
	Dº.	1 dº.	Dº.			2 9 —	Vencaty Kistnah.
	Dº.	1 dº.	Dº.			2 18 —	Aupah Poolah.
	Dº.	1 dº.	Dº.			— 31 —	Nella Mootah.
	Dº,	1 dº.	Dº.			2 31 40	Mr. Munro.
	Dº.	1 dº.	Dº.			2 31 40	Permal Chitty.
	Dº.	1 dº.	Dº.			3 4 40	Dan Gregorio.
	Dº.	1 dº.	Dº.			— 34 —	Mootiapah.
	Dº.	1 dº.	Dº.			2 1 —	Nella Mootah.
	Dº.	$\frac{1}{2}$ dº.	Dº.			0 20 —	Moortipah.
	SHAWLS	5 Pieces	Pags. 1 35 78 ℔p.			8 18 —	Nella Mootah.
	Dº.	5	Dº.			8 4 40	Venganah.
	Dº.	5	Dº.			8 4 40	Vellapah Chitty.
	Dº.	5	Dº.			8 18 —	Naga Chitty.

ACCOUNT SALE of Sundry damaged Goods—*continued.*

Time of sale.	Quality of the Goods.	Lot or Quantity.	Invoice Price.	Price put up at.	Price sold at.	Amount of each Lot.	To whom sold.
30TH APRIL 1755	Shawls	5	Pag^{s}. 1 35 78 ℔ piece			8 31 40	Balla Gruah.
	D^{o}.	5	D^{o}.			8 27 —	Ditto.
	D^{o}.	5	D^{o}.			9 4 40	Roderigues.
	D^{o}.	5	D^{o}.			8 13 40	Narrain Chitty.
	D^{o}.	5	D^{o}.			6 27 —	Nella Mootah.
	D^{o}.	5	D^{o}.			6 27 —	Nella Mootah.
	D^{o}.	5	D^{o}.			7 4 40	Conarie.
	D^{o}.	5	D^{o}.			6 4 40	Taudah.
	D^{o}.	5	D^{o}.			5 — —	Moodo.
	D^{o}.	5	D^{o}.			6 — —	Venganah.
	D^{o}.	5	D^{o}.			4 31 40	Servanah.
	D^{o}.	5	D^{o}.			5 18 —	Sawmy Nadar.
	D^{o}.	5	D .			5 13 40	Venganah.
	VELVETS Crimson.	1 piece qt. 48 yards	Pag . 2 6 30 ℔ yard.		Pag$_{s}$. 1 22 40 ℔ yard.	78 — —	M^{r}. Palk.
	D^{o}. do. ..	1 31¼ do.	D^{o}.		1 15 60 ℔ do.	44 33 15	Kistnah.
	D^{o}. do. ..	2 Remn^{ts}. q^{t}. 19 7/8 yards.	D^{o}. ..	..	Pag^{s}. 1 18 — yard.	29 29 20 ..	Conarie.
	D^{o}. Green ..	1 piece qt. 28½ yards.	Pag^{s}. 1 34 70 ..		1 22 40	46 11 70 ..	M^{r}. Bourchier.
	D^{o}. d^{o}. ..	1 d^{o}. 28¾ do.	D^{o}. ..		1 9 —	35 33 60 ..	Balla Gruah.
	D^{o}. d^{o}. ..	1 d^{o}. 31 do.	D^{o}. ..		1 18 —	46 18 — ..	M^{r}. Wynch.
	D^{o}. d^{o}. ..	1 d^{o}. 26½ do.	D^{o}. ..		1 13 40	36 15 60 ..	M^{r}. Powney.
					Pag^{s}. ..	1995 29 70	

ERRORS EXCEPTED

FORT ST. GEORGE,
APRIL 30TH. 1755.

℔ HENRY POWNEY,
Imp$_{o}$. Wareh^{o}.k^{r}.

FORT ST. GEORGE, 12TH. MAY 1755.

ACCOUNT SALE OF BROAD CLOTH &c^{a}. damaged in bringing on the Ilchester as ℔ Order of Consultation of the 15th. July 1754.

Time of sale.	Quality of the Goods.	Lot or Quantity.	Invoice Price.	Price put up at.	Price sold at.	Amount of each Lot.	To whom sold.
May the 1st. 1755.	Broad Cloath, Scarletl.	Pieces 3 ..	Pag^{s}. 18 24 60	Pg^{s}. 20	....	Pag^{s}. 51 31 40	Narso.
	Broad Cloath Aurora.	6 ..	16 35 55 ℔ Piece.	10	Pag^{s}. 16 18 — ℔ Piece.	99 — —	Vellapah.
	D^{o}. d^{o}.	6 ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	16 31 40	101 9 —	Naganah.
	D^{o}. d^{o}.	6 ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	16 31 40	98 9 —	Paupa Chitty.
	D^{o}. d^{o}.	6 ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	17 — —	102 — —	Arnachilum.
	D^{o}. d^{o}.	6 ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	15 27 —	94 18 —	Paupah Chitty.
	D^{o}. d^{o}.	6 ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	16 31 40	101 9 —	Dermapoore Chitty.
	D^{o}. d^{o}.	6 ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	17 4 40	102 27 —	Velida Poolah.
	Broad Cloath Ord^{y}. Red.	6 ..	Pag^{s}. 12 10 5	Pag^{s}. 7	11 13 40	68 9 —	Paupah Chitty.
	Broad Cloath Ord^{y}. Green.	6 ..	12 3 20	8	11 13 40	68 9 —	Naganah.
	D^{o}. d^{o}.	6 ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	11 13 40	68 9 —	Sawmy Nadar.
	D^{o}. d^{o}.	6 ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	11 27 —	70 18 —	Bussapah Chitty.
	D^{o}. d^{o}.	6 ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	13 4 40	78 27 —	Nella Chitty.
	Perpetuanoes fine scarlet.	8 ..	Pag^{s}. 6 32 59	Pag^{s}. 3	5 31 40	47 — —	Naganah.
	D^{o}.	8 ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	6 4 40	49 — —	Narrain Chitty.
	Perpetuanoes Ord^{y}. Red.	10 ..	Pag^{s}. 4 25 47	Pag^{s}. 2	5 — —	50 — —	Conarie.
	D^{o}.	9 ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	4 31 40	43 31 40	Tagapah Chitty.
	Perpetuanoes Broad Green.	10 ..	Pag^{s}. 7 32 72	Pag^{s}. 5	9 18 —	95 — —	Bussapah Chitty.
	D^{o}.	9 ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	10 — —	90 — —	Do.
						Pag^{s}. 1479 27 —	

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FORT ST. GEORGE, 1ST. MAY 1755.

℔ HENRY POWNEY,
Import Warehousekeeper.

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13 Arrived Ship Signiora de Amparo, Manoel de Morae from Macao and Fort S^{t}. David.

14 Sailed Sloop Fortune John Forbes for Pulliacat.

— Sailed Ship S^{ta}.Antonia, Manoel Fernandes, for Macao.

— Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort S^{t}. David dated this Day.

18 Arrived Sloop Dolphin, Valeram from Quedah & Pegue.

— Received by Peons General Letter from Bandarmalanka dated the 3^{d}. Instant.

19 Arrived his Majesty's Ship Bridgwater, Captn. Will^{m}. Martin from Trincomalee but last from Fort S^{t}. David.

22 Received by Pattamar General Letter from Vizagapatam dated 29 ult^{o}.

— Arrived the Honble Company's Sloop Cuddalore, Nathaniel Hammond from Negrais with General Letter from M^{r}. Henry Brooke Chief there dated 13th. Ultimo.

— Sailed Ship Norwood, Ja^{s}. Smith for Pegue.

24 Arrived Sloop Fortune John Forbes from Pulliacat.

Sunk in the Road in the Gale of Wind the Neptune Snow.

25 Received by Tappies Gen^{l}. Letter from DeveCotah dated 18th. Inst^{t}.

26 Arrived Ship Lapwing, Hugh Morgan with Samuel Griffith Supra Cargo from Mochā but last from Cochin.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R} : GOV^{R} : PRESIDENT.

MONDAY THE 26TH.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.	HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.	ALEX^{R} : WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.	JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 12th. Instant read and approved.

Genl. Letters read.

General Letters read, Viz^{t}.

From Bandarmalanka.

N. 77 From M^{r}. John Andrews Resident at Bandarmalanka dated 3^{d}. Instant, Enclosing his Accounts for last Month and requesting that besides the stores We may have designed should be sent him we will send 2000 Musquet & 2000 Carbine Flints.

From Vizagapatam.

N. 78. From Cha^{s}. Boddam Esq^{r}. Chief &c^{a}. Council at Vizagapatam dated 29th. Ultimo, advising of their low State of Cash & Representing that a plentiful supply at this favourable Juncture would greatly contribute towards encreasing the Investment That the Factory at Uppara is in so shattered & decayed a Condition that Part of the Buildings must soon fall down if not repaired, and as the Expence of putting it into tolerable Repair will not exceed the sum of Three hundred Rupees, they desire our Permission to set about it, Enclosing an Indent for stores & Duplicate of their last.

From Negrais.

N. 79 From M^{r}. Henry Brooke Chief of Negrais dated 13th. of April, acquainting us in brief of the state of Affairs there, by which it appears the War between the Peguers & Burman still continue with some Advantage to the latter who had sent an Embassy to him to offer Terms of Friendship to the English which M^{r}. Brooke recommends to us to accept as there are no hopes of

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1755* ——

ever obtaining any thing from the Court of Pegue who are are now supported, by the French, by whose Assistance they are enabled to make head against the Burmans. That Lieut^{t}. Billhock returns hither on the Cuddalore Sloop for the Recovery of his Health Requesting a supply of Rupees.

From Devecotah.

N. 80 From M^{r}. Cha^{s}. Hopkins Chief of DeveCotah dated the 18th. Instant, Thanking us for the Permission we granted him of retiring into the Country for the Recovery of his health—That the Cartel with the Dutch relating to Deserters & the Articles concerning the Cowle for DeveCotah Bounds were published agreeable to our Directions, Enclosing the monthly Papers for April.

Gentleman at Vizagaptm. allowed to repair the Factory house at Uppara.

Agreed that the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam be permitted to repair the Factory house at Uppara & that their Indent be complied with.

A Deficiency in the Rice from Bengal by the Kent reported.

Letter from Captn. Wilson giving Reasons why he should not be made answerable for the Deficiency in his Rice.

The Export Warehousekeeper reports that in the Rice delivered here from the Kent there is a Deficiency of One Garse & two hundred and seventy two & 6/8 of a Mercal, besides what is usually allowed on Grain and that he had applied to Captn. Wilson to make good the same, He at the same time lays before the Board a Letter from Captain Wilson, representing that the Deficiency had arisen from the unusual time taken up in delivering the Cargo, occasioned by the want of Boats which had been chiefly employed in the service of his Majesty's Squadron, That he had taken the greatest Care to prevent Embezzlement, but as the ship then lay at a considerable Distance from the shore on acco^{tt}. of the Monsoon, there was a great Opportunity for the Boatmen to pilfer, besides that the Coolies had been detected instealing it on shore, And therefore hopes he will not be made answerable for this Deficiency as it did not happen thro any Neglect of his.

Captn. Wilson not to be charged with the Deficiency.

Agreed that Captain Wilson be not charged with the Deficiency, as it is very certain most of the Boats were employed in the service of the squadron, by which means but a small Quantity of the Rice was landed dailey from whence a Deficiency might very probably arise.

The Rice by the Kent proving very bad The Export Warehousekeeper is ordered to sell it at the Market Price.

As the Rice landed here from the Kent proves extremely bad and will still dailey grow worse it is Ordered that the Export Warehousekeeper sell it out as soon as possible at the Market Price.

Accott. sale of West Coast sugar delivered in.

The Storekeeper lays before the Board as entered hereafter an account Sale Ca. Maund. lb. of 67. 10. 23½ of the sugar imported from Fort Marlbrō on the Prince George sold at Outcry 22^{d}. April, amounting to one thousand and seven Pagodas & twenty two fanams which on an average is about Pag^{s}. 14. 30 ℔ Candy. He also reports that he had likewise put up at Outcry the Arrack imported by the same Ship but that nothing near the Prince Cost being offered he had bought it in the Company's Account & desires the Boards Directions thereon.

The Storekeeper Reports that he also put up the Arrack but no Bidders appeared.

Ordered that it be kept till the arrival of the Europe ships, but not sold under 38 Pags. ℔ Leaguer

Order'd that it be kept till the Arrival of the Europe ships when there will probably be a greater Demand for Arrack, and that it be then put up again at Outcry but not sold under Pag^{s}. 38 Leaguer.

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Accot. sale of Broad cloth delivered in.

The Import Warehousekeeper lays before the Board as entered hereafter an account sale of Thirty Bales of the Honble Company's Broad Cloath sold at Outcry the 21st. Instt. amounting to Two thousand Eight hundred and Eighty Pags. and reports that no Bidders offered for any further Quantity.

A committee appointed to examine and report the condition of the Bales in the Godown.

Resolved that Messrs. Powney, Smith and Bourchier be a Committee to examine monthly and report the Condition of the Bales remaining in the Import Warehouse.

Broad cloth to be put up at outcry 25th. June.

Order'd that the Import Warehousekeeper put up the Broad Cloth again to sale on Wednesday the 25th. June.

The Import Wareho.kr. reports that he had put up the Bengal Barbary Copper at Outcry but no Bidders appeared.

The Import Warehousekeeper reports that agreeable to Order of Consultation the 21st. ultimo the Barbary Copper consigned to Bengal on the Norfolk but kept here in Consequence of Advices from thence, had been put up at Outcry but no Bidders appeared and the Merchants in general objected to it as being too coarse for this Market.

Ordered to be again put up the 25th June & if it should not sell that it be then sent to Bengal.

Order'd that it be again put up at Outcry on Wednesday the 25th. June & if it should not then sell, that it be sent to Bengal by the first Opportunity.

The Storekr, reports some old Casks sent from Bombay to be unserviceable.

The Storekeeper representing that 135 Casks which were sent from Bombay last year with Provisions for the use of their Detachment and for which that Presidency is credited in the sum of Two hundred and fifty Eight Pagodas, twenty two fanams & fifteen Cash (258–22–15) are old and unserviceable.

The casks to be surveyed by the Co's Cooper and if not fitt for Powder Barrels to be sold at outcry.

Order'd that the Company's Cooper Survey them and if they should be found capable of being converted into Powder Barrels or any other useful Casks that they be applied to that service, otherwise that they be sold at Outcry.

Accott. Deficiency in Stores delivered in & ordered to be wrote off to Profit & Loss.

The Storekeeper delivers in as Entered hereafter an Account of Sundry Deficiencies in the Stores occasioned by Rust, Decay &ca. amounting to Pags. 210–12–35 which is ordered to be wrote off to Account Profit & Loss.

A case invoiced from Europe ℔ Onslow qt. Part of Powder Mill which was missing is now sent back from China.

The Military Storekeeper acquaints the Board that the Case containing Part of the Powder Mill which was deficient ℔ Onslow, has since been found on board that Ship at China & forward from thence by a Macao Ship.

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The Export Warehousekeeper acquaints the Board that Cawn Moodelaire & Tonneveroy Pillah who had been sent for from Fort S[t]. David on purpose to get the Accounts between them settled, that they might not any longer have an Excuse for not making good the Ballance they owe to the Company, had each named two Persons to whom they agreed to referr all their Disputes & abide by their Determination Viz[t]. Mannawauka Moota Chitty & Gundaveddy Vencaty Ramah Chitty, Arbitrators on the part of Cawn Moodelaire and Kellavah Chitty & Arnagary Chitty Arbitrators on the Part of Tonneveroy Pillah.

Cawn Moodelaire and Tonneveroy Pillah choose Arbitrators to settle their Accounts.

Ordered that the Export Warehousekeeper cause proper Bonds to be drawn & executed before him by the Parties obliging themselves to abide by the Arbitrators Award under the Penalty of ten thousand Pagodas payable to the Company.

The Export Warehousekeeper cause them execute proper Bonds.

A Letter from M[r]. Rob[t]. Westgarth read, Requesting to be paid the Ballance of his Accounts with the Company and desiring an Allowance for his Expences whilst he had the Management of the Honble Company's Affairs at Syrian.

Letter from Mr. Westgarth desiring to be paid the Balla. of his Accounts & that an allowance be made him for his Expences.

The Accountant at the same time reports that agreeable to Order of Consultation the 31[st]. March he had examined the Credits of M[r]. Westgarth's Accounts with the Invoices of Consignments to him from hence and found them just, it is therefore Ordered that the Ballance be paid M[r]. Westgarth, but that no Allowance be made him on Account of his Expences.

The President acquaints the Board the Engineer had represented to him that the Teak Timbers brought from the Negrais by the Cuddalore Sloop may be more serviceable at S[t]. David than here.

Cuddalore Sloop to be sent to St. David with the Negrais Timbers & to return hither.

Agreed that the Cuddalore Sloop be dispatched thither with them and that the Gentlemen at S[t]. David be directed to return her here as soon as possible that she may be dispatched to the Northern Settlements with a supply of Money.

Agreed that Twenty thousand (20,000) Pagodas be sent to Fort S[t]. David on the Cuddalore Sloop for the use of that Settlement.

20000 Pags. to be sent to St. David on the Cuddalore Sloop.

A Certificate is laid before the Board from the Accountant General of the Mayor's Court, that M[r]. Daniel Morse is by Order of the said Court to pay into the Governour & Council the sum of Nine thousand five hundred (9500) Pagodas which is to be placed to the Account of the Accomptant General and to the Credit of the Estate of Solomon Salomons.

Money paid in to the Treasury in the Name of the Accountant General on accott. Solomon Salomons.

Order'd that the same be received into the Treasury & a Receipt is now signed by the Committee of Treasury for that Purpose.

Letter from Captain Burman of the Prince George read as entered hereafter Representing that his ship is of such a Built that she cannot carry sail without a large Quantity of Dead weight in her Bottom and therefore desires that Fifteen or twenty Tons of Iron Kintledge may be put on board her.

Captn. Burman desires 20 Tons Iron Kintladge for the Prince George.

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Old honey combd. Guns to be sent on board her.

Order'd that the Military Storekeeper on board the Prince George that Tonnage in Iron Guns which are honey combed & useless.

The Export Warehousekeeper acquaints the Board that the Redwood intended for Canton by the Kent is all on board.

20 Chests of Treasure to be sent on board the Kent & the ship to be dispatched.

Order'd that 20 Chests of Treasure be also laden on her & that she be dispatched for China & consigned agreeable to our Honble Masters Commands to Messrs. Misenor, Burrow, Hume & Mapletoft and to Messrs. Harrison & Garland Junr.

Monthly Accotts. read vizt. Mint.

George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master reads that Account for last Month, Ballance then due to the Mint Forty four Current Pagodas and thirteen fanams (44–13.—) which are now paid in, and from the Mint Three hundred and Eighty five Rupees and nine annaes (A. Rs. 385–9) which are carried forward and One hundred and Eighty five Madrass Pagodas (185) which are now paid him.

Import Warehouse.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper reads that Account for last Month, Ballance then due from him Twenty seven thousand two hundred and Fifty five Pagodas, two fanams and nine Cash (27255–2–9) which is carried forward.

Sea Customer.

Henry Powney Sea Customer reads that account for last Month, Ballance then due from him seven thousand three hundred and forty nine, sixteen fanams and two Cash which is carried forward.

Export Warehouse.

Robert Orme Export Warehousekeeper reads that Account for last Month Ballance due from him Pagodas seven thousand and fifty four, twelve fanams and forty three Cash (pags. 7054–12–43) of which he now pays in three thousand Pagodas.

Storekeeper

Alexr. Wynch Storekeeper reads that Account for last Month, Ballance then due from him Pagodas Two thousand two hundred and Fifty six twenty one fanams & forty Eight Cash which is Carried forward.

Land customer.

William Perceval Land Customer reads that Account for last Month Ballance then due from him Pagodas Eight hundred and six thirty five fanams and forty Eight Cash (806–35–48) which he now pays in.

Paymaster.

John Smith Paymaster reads that Account for last Month.

Charges Garrison	Pags.	249	13 71
Charges Hospital		201	23 43
Peons and Servants Wages		511	2 62
Charges General		97	3 73
Charges Extraordinary		3471	15 43
Repairs		386	— 24
New Military Barracks		1985	17 13
New Bridge on the Island		570	— 44
Fortifications		401	30 72
Poonemalee &ca. Villages		19	3 30
St. Thome &ca. Villages		19	15 63
Allowance of the Court of Request		12	12 —
Household Necessaries		11	18 —
Fort St. David		22	14 45
Charges Cattle		66	24 —
Charges Diet		583	12 —
		7290	— 67

Ballance then due to him Two thousand two hundred & Ninety Pagodas and sixty seven Cash (2290. —. 67) which is carried forward.

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The Particulars of the Extraordinary Expences in the Paymasters Account are entered hereafter.

John Smith Military Paymaster reads that Account for last Month, Ballance then due from him Pagodas One thousand and Ninety Eight, four fanams and nineteen Cash (1098–4–19) which is carried forward. Military Paymr.

Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper reads that Account for last Month Ballance then due from him Pagods. Fifty seven, Twenty nine fanams & sixty five Cash (57–29–65) which is carried forward. Military Storekeeper.

The Engineers Account of Expences in Fortifications & Repairs is also laid before the Board. Engineers Accott.

Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah & Permaul Kellavah Chitty Renters of the Beetle & Tobacco Farm, pay in six hundred and sixty six Pagodas, and twenty four Fanams being one Month's Rent due on that Cowle the 1st. Ultimo. Rent of the Beetle & Tobacco Farm paid in.

Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah & Permaul Kellavah Chitty Farmers of the Arrack & Wine License pay in Three hundred and thirty three Pagodas & twelve fanams (333–12. —) being one months Rent of that Cowle due the 1st. ultimo. Rent of the Arrack & Wine License paid in.

The Committee of Treasury pay in four thousand three hundred & twenty four Pagodas, Eleven fanams & Fifty four Cash (Pags. 4324–11–54) for Rupees sold. Money paid in for Rupees sold.

The Sea Customer pays in Eleven hundred (1100) Pagodas on his Running Account. Sea Customer pays in on his Running accott.

Agreed that the following Advances be made out of Cash, Vizt. Advances. To the Commissary. &

To the Commissary four thousand & fifty four Pagodas, one fanam & seventy six Cash (4054–1–76) to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad.

To the Military Storekeeper six hundred (600) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ. Military Storekeeper.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR: WYNCH.
WILLM: PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS: BOURCHIER.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST: GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I herewith make bold to inform your Honour &ca. Council that the Prince George is of a Built that will not carry sail unless she has a large Quantity of Dead Weight in her Bottom which makes me of opinion that 15 or 20 Tons of Iron kintledge would not only add to her safety in case of a Gale of Wind, by making her carry sail the better but would also be the Means of keeping the sand Ballast a proper Distance from the well Room which at present for want of other weight is obliged to be put so near to that Part of the ship that in spite of all the Precautions that can be taken it will wash into the well which

is not only attended with the bad consequence of damageing the Pumps, but is a great Impediment to pumping out the Water and by that Means Part of the Cargo is often liable to be damaged, and in case of bad Weather may probably be the Occasion of great Distress to the Ship, Therefore if your Honour &c^{a}. Council have no objection to this Proposal, I humbly beg you will be pleased to order the above Quantity of Iron Kintledge to be put on board.

I am

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Honour & most humble
& most Obed^{t}. servant

EDWARD BURMAN.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.
13TH. MAY 1755.

Account Sale of the Hon'ble Companys Sugar by Publick Outcry at One Months Trust.

The Time of sale.	Quality of the Goods.	Lot or Quantity.	Invoice Price.	Price put up at.	Price sold at.	Amount of each Lot.	To whom sold.
22d. April 1755	SUGAR	6 Baskets ℔ Can. 3	Mds. 8	lbs. 9	Pags. 11 9 —℔ Candy.	Pags. 14	15 ℔ Candy.	Pags. 51 9 58	Mr. Wynch.
		6 do. 3	7	18½		℔	14½ ℔ do.	49 4 1	Mr. Morse.
		6 do. 3	12	8		Candy.	14½ ℔ do.	52 15 44	Do.
		6 do. 3	14	1½			14¾ ℔ do.	54 22 25	Do.
		6 do. 3	10	18			15 ℔ do.	53 1 14	Comerapah Chitty.
		6 do. 3	6	5			15 ℔ do.	49 23 32	Do.
		6 do. 3	10	11½			15 ℔ do.	52 30 54	Mr. Morse.
		6 do. 3	12	1½			15 ℔ do.	54 1 50	Do.
		6 do. 3	8	4½			15 ℔ do.	51 4 69	Do.
		6 do. 3	—	21			14⅞ ℔ do.	55 9 —	Do.
		6 do. 3	6	16			14⅞ ℔ do.	49 6 72	Do.
		6 do. 3	4	18			15 ℔ do.	48 19 35	Mr. Wynch.
		6 do. 3	5	17			15 ℔ do.	49 9 28	Do.
		6 do. 3	11	3½			15 ℔ do.	53 12 65	Chitty Ramah.
		6 do. 3	13	18½			15 ℔ do.	55 11 —	Teagapah.
		6 do. 3	10	24			15 ℔ do.	53 7 74	Singanah.
		6 do. 3	8	11½			15 ℔ do.	51 12 34	Teagapah.
		6 do. 3	3	19			15 ℔ do.	47 29 41	George Pigot Esqr.
		6 do. 3	7	12½			15 ℔ do.	50 22 40	Gollasinga.
		4 do. 2	7	10			15 ℔ do.	35 19 64	Tomby Chitty.
		118 Baskets ℔ 67	10	23¼		Pagods.		1007 22 —	

Fort St. George 22d. April 1755.

Errors Excepted

℔ Alexr. Wynch,
Storekr.

Account Sale of the Hon'ble Companys Broad Cloth at Publick Outcry on the usual Terms.

Time of sale.	Quality of the Goods.	Lot or Quantity.	Invoice Price.	Price put up at.	Amount of each Lot.	To whom sold.
21st. May 1755.	Aurora	Bales 2				
	Ordinary Red ..	2 } 6 Bales.	Pags. 500 3 60	Pags. 575 — —	Pags. 576 — —	Arnagary Chitty.
	Green	2				
	Do.	6 do.	— — —		576 — —	Do.
	Do.	6 do.	— — —		576 — —	Sheally Chitty.
	Do.	6 do.	— — —		576 — —	Do.
	Do.	6 do.	— — —		576 — —	Veranny Chitty.
		30 Bales.			Pags. 2880 — —	

Fort St. George 21st. May 1755.

Errors Excepted

℔ Henry Powney
Import. Wareho. kr.

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PROFIT & Loss Dr. to Sundry Accounts Pags. 210–12–35 for so much lost by Sale, worn out by Rust on the following Heads Vizt.

		℔ qr. lb.					
IRON Bar	26		15	Pags.	55	5	75	
Bolt	11	3	14		39	21	—	
Rod	6	3	5		16	35	45	
Hoop	2	—	21		5	30	—	
								117 20 40
NAILS SMALL, Pump ..			6¾ lb.		—	28	55	
Brads			8½ lb.			31	70	
2d.			22 lb.		1	30	—	
3d.			18½ lb.		1	12	20	
4th.			41 lb.		2	20	20	
6th.			51½ lb.		2	24	45	
Scupper			2¼ lb.			5	5	
Deck Nails ..			11 lb.			18	60	
Clout Do. ..			11 lb.			24	60	
								11 14 15
NAILS MIDLING 10d. ..			68 lb.		3	11	—	
20d. ..			148 lb.		6	6		
24d. ..			202 lb.		8	15	—	
30d. ..			155 lb.		6	12	40	
40d. ..			123 lb.		5	4	40	
Sheathing ..			125 lb.		4	12	20	
								33 25 20
NAILS LARGE Spike ..			212 lb.		6	35	60	
Broad head ..			23 lb.			34	40	
		℔						7 34 20
STEEL ..		—	10 lb.					4 6 40
TAR & Pitch—Tar ..		1 Barrel			3	—	—	
Pitch ..		½ d.			1	13	40	
								4 13 40
OIL Linseed ..		38½ Gallons						24 2 20
TIMBER & PLANK Spires ..		2 Rotten						7 4 —
				PAGODs.				210 12 35

ERRORS EXCEPTED

FORT ST: GEORGE.
30TH. APRIL 1755.

℔ ALEXR. WYNCH, *Storekr.*

THE PARTICULARS of the Extraordinary Expences in the Paymasters Accounts for the Month of April are as follow, Vizt.

HOSPITAL CHARGES	Pags.	2	20	23
New Military Barracks		1985	17	13
New Bridge on the Island		570	—	44
Fortifications		271	30	13
Fort St. David		22	14	45
	Pagods. ...	2852	10	58

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

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JOHN SMITH,
Paymr.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1755* ——

29TH. Sailed the Honble Company's Ship Kent Captn. George Wilson for Canton with General Letter to Messrs. Misenor &ca. Supra Cargo's to whom the Ship is consigned.

29TH. Sailed His Majesty's Ship Bridgwater Captn. William Martin for Fort St. David.

31 Pursuant to Order of Consultation the 21st. ultimo, Publick Notice having been given at the sea Gate, at Fort St. David & at DeveCotah that the Cowle for DeveCotah Bounds would be let to the highest Bidder this Day, The Board being assembled at the Sea Gate, the same was accordingly put up at Outcry for one year to commence the first of June 1755, & End the 31st. May 1756 on the same terms & Conditions as the last Cowle which expires this Day, And Messrs. Robert Orme and John Smith being the highest Bidders the same was cryed down to them at four thousand two hundred Pagodas (4200) which is less than the annual Rent of the late Cowle by one thousand Eight hundred (1800) Pagodas The Board then adjourned to the Fort House.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVR. PRESIDENT.

SATURDAY THE 31ST.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.	HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.	ALEXR: WYNCH.
... ...	JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

Mr. Perceval absent being indisposed.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

Most palpable Reasons for the Decrease in the Rent of the Deve Cotah Bounds.

The President acquaints the Board that the Decrease in the Rent of this Farm appear to him to have arisen from the short term for which it is let, as he was offered some days ago by a former Renter the sum of three thousand (3000) Pagodas a year more on a Lease of five years than the highest offer that should be made this day at the Sea Gate for 1 year, The Reason for so considerable an Advance is that the Farmers by holding it for so long a Term may be enabled to reap the Fruits of the many Expences which are necessary in cultivating the Lands of this country & which a shorter Term deters them from engaging in and consequently the Products of the Country must be greatly diminished another strong objection that has been generally made agt. such short Lease is that a Renter can have no opportunity of retrieving the Loss that may happen by a failure in the Crops, whereas on a Lease for a longer Term the Loss by one season may be compensated by the Plenty of another As a Proof of which the President further acquaints the Board that from the best Accounts he has been able to collect the Produce of DeveCotah Bounds for the last year has not exceeded two thousand Pagodas occasioned by the severity of the last Monsoon which destroyed all the Crops on the Ground, whereas in one plentifull season the Renters collected upwards of Ten thousand Pagodas.

Compy's Stnding orders agt. Letting Europeans farm the Revenues read.

Recourse being had to the Standing Orders the following is read Vizt.

General Letters Febry. 3d. 1719 Para. 78.

We should be glad better that they (Europeans) never be allowed to farm any of the Revenues, and if you have not substantial Reasons to the contrary. take care they be not in future, if you have, Let us know them.

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Whereupon Messrs. Orme & Smith declare to the Board that as their Chief Motive in bidding for the Farm was to keep up the Price they are very ready to deliver it again into the hands of the Company, if the Board should be of opinion that their holding it is contrary to the Company's Orders or should determine to let it on the Terms mentioned by the President or in any other Manner.

The Companys Orders received last year relating to the Farms were then read and appear to the Board so very positive that altho it is evident from what has already been said that the Revenues will suffer a considerable Diminution by adhering to them yet as an Instance of their implicit obedience.

Messrs. Orme & Smith permitted to hold the Farm.

Resolved that Messrs. Orme and Smith be permitted to hold the Farm as the Standing Order above quoted only disapproves of letting the Farms to Europeans unless good Reasons can be given for so doing, and in the present case it seems a very substantial one that none of the Natives would offer so much.

Owners of the Orixa request old six Pounder Guns at the Price they stand on the Books.

Mr. Orme on Behalf of the Owners of the Orixa requests that if there be any Cast six Pounders Guns in this, or the Garrison of Fort St. David unfitt for the Company's service he may be permitted to purchase them for the said ship at the Price they stand on the General Books.

Mr. Brohier to report whether there are any such Guns unfitt for the Co's service.

Ordered that Mr. Brohier report to the Board whether there are any, and how many such Guns in this Garrison unfitt for the Company's Service.

Advances out of Cash.

Agreed that the following Advances be made out of Cash Vizt.

To the Military Paymr.

To the Military Paymaster four thousand two hundred & seventy Pagodas, nine fanams and fifty Eight Cash, (Pags. 4270–9–58) to pay the Military.

& Paymaster.

To the Paymaster six thousand five hundred (6500) Pagodas to defray the Charges of that Employ.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR: WYNCH.
... ...
JOHN SMITH.
CHS: BOURCHIER.

Arrived Success Galley Peter Duncan from Surat. 1
Do. Snow Neptune Joseph Austin from Bussorah. —
Sailed Ship Mary John Douglas for Pegue. —
Sailed Ship Hannah John Bogle for Pulliacat. —
Sailed The Honble Company's Sloop Cuddalore Nathaniel Hammond for Fort St. David with General Letters to the Deputy Governour and council dated yesterday. —
Received by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated the 29th. Ulto. —
Received by Pattamar General Letter from Bombay dated 21st. April. 2

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3 Arrived Ship Charles, Castelan de Vernet from Cochin.
— Sailed Snow Don Carlos, Ballai Serang for Ingeram.
— Received by Pattamar General Letter from Ingeram dated 6th. Ult°.
4 Arrived Ship Indian Queen John Demare from Surat.
— Dº. ship Johanna Gabriel Gomes from Cochin.
— Sailed Success Galley Peter Duncan for Bengal.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR: GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.

WEDNESDAY THE 4TH. STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEXANDER WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of the two last Consultations dated 26th. & 31st. of May read and signed.

Genl. Letter read

General Letters read Vizt.

From Fort St. David.

N. 81. From the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David dated 29th. Ultimo, acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 14th. and acquainting us that they send us the second copy of their General Books ending ultimo April 1754 with a Copy of a Letter from the Commandant of Pondicherry in Relation to four Deserters. That the Valuation they sent us of the Hospital Houses at Cuddalore was the value of them at the time they were hired, and the owners are by no means content to receive that in full for the Houses and Rent. That they have been unsuccessfull in the Notice of Persons to make Proposals for the Investment, none having been made, and they have great Reason to beleive their Merchants have entered into a Combination to reduce the Investment to their own Terms for Irshippa Chitty & Paupa Rauze having promised to bring in 400 pes. of Cloth as Musters of what they could afford to provide did accordingly produce some extreamly good but then pretended it was made of old Cotton and they could not undertake to provide such untill they could judge how the new Cotton would turn out, upon this trifling Behaviour they were ordered to pay in their Ballances at the next Consultation when they again appeared with the other Musters made (as they said) of new Cotton, so very bad that the Board unanimously rejected them upon which they positively refused intermeddling in the Investment without an Advance in the Price of three Pagodas ℔ Corge, and they have accordingly declined taking any further Advance untill they have discharged their Ballances. That they are afraid Persheram Pillah, of whom they had the greatest Hopes, is also trifling with them, having promised his whole Ballance in Cloth by the twelfth but now requests 15 days more That Nagore Kistna & Rama Chitty have paid their Ballance and decline any further concern in the Investment That upon the whole they can have no Hopes of an Investment this season unless some effectual Means are found out to bring their Merchants to Terms.

From Bombay.

N. 82. From the President & Council of Bombay dated 21st. April acquainting us that the sandal wood they consigned to China last year on the Stafford having sold for a very considerable Loss prevent their sending a Quantity provided for the Warren, which they shall dispatch thither by the 30th. April, and as they have not foreign silver enough to compleat her stock they acquaint

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us that they shall order her to touch here after receiving some Pepper at Tellicherry and request we will supply in foreign silver what her stock may be deficient of forty thousand Pounds sterling which they judge will be about ten Chests and they will Reimburse us by the first opportunity That the London from Bengal for Surat imported there the 11th. but as they want to bring some Pepper from Onore, they propose to employ her on that service and therefore they imagine she cannot return to the Bay before the Monsoon, That the Anson was going into Anjengo Road the 22d. Febry.

From Ingeram.

N. 83. From Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram dated the 6th. ultimo, acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 17th. April with the stores &ca. by the ship George, but the Broad Cloth sent being superfine instead of Fine he requests Leave to send it back, as he has a sufficient Quantity there and desires that the same quantity of Fine may be sent instead, being in want of that Article for Presents to the Country Government. Enclosing his Monthly Papers for April.

The Gentlemen at St. David to pay Rent for the Hospital Houses at Cuddalore.

Agreed that the Gentlemen at Fort St. David be acquainted that as we understand the value they set on the Hospital houses at Cuddalore is what they were worth at the time they were hired and not their present value, We consent to their paying the owners Rent for the Time they were occupied by the Company at the Rate of Fifteen Pagodas ℔ Month which is what they were offer'd by Mr. Belsches, but refused.

Conduct of the St. David Merchants considered.

The President to discourse with Nella Chittee & Report.

In regard to the Fort St. David Merchants the Board are of opinion with the Gentlemen there that a Combination is formed to reduce the Investment to their own Terms and that the most Effectual Way to break it will be to engage with one or more substantial Merchants at this settlement to provide and deliver the Cloth there, and Nella Chitty having made Proposals (as entered after Consultation the 3d. March) for providing a thousand Bales to be delivered at DeveCotah, which Proposals were then rejected for the Reasons then given in Consultation 14th. March, the President is desired to discourse with him again on the subject and propose to him the Delivery of the those Goods at St. David instead of DeveCotah, and report the Result thereof to the Board.

Coll. Adlercron's Regiment to be allowed 1430 Pags. instead of 1400 ℔ Month.

Pallankeens to be allowed the Commanders of his Majesty's ships.

The allowance hitherto made to the Kings Troops of 1400 Pags. ℔ Month being insufficient by 30 Pagodas ℔ Month to put them on the Footing of the Companys, Agreed that they be allowed the full sum of one thousand four hundred and thirty Pagodas ℔ Month, Agreed also that Admiral Watson and the Commanders of his Majesty's Ships be allowed Pallankeens at St. David during their stay there.

Deficiency in Redwood sent from St. David on Vengadasha Permal to be wrote off to Profit & Loss.

The Export Warehousekeeper reports that there is a Deficiency of 22–9–11 on the Redwood brought up from Fort St. David in the Country vessell called the Vengadasha Permaal, amounting to Fifty Pagodas, thirty fanams & twenty six Cash (Pags. 50–30–26) which he has Reason to think is occasioned by the large Holes in the wood being filled with Dirt.

Charges of refitting that vessell to be paid in lieu of Freight.

Agreed that the same be wrote off to Profit & Loss and that the Charges of refitting that vessell be paid in Lieu of Freight, in consequence of an agreement made with the owner in the Month of January last, when there was a Necessity of sending stores to St. David and no other Conveyance was then procurable.

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15 six Pounder Guns reported unserviceable.

Pursuant to an order of last Consultation a Report is now laid before the Board and entered hereafter, from Mr. John Brohier of the unserviceable six Pounder Guns in the Garrison whereby it appears there are fifteen unfit for the Company's use.

The owners of the Orixa permitted to buy them.

Agreed that the Owners of the Orixa be permitted to take such of them as may wanted at the Price they stand on the Company's Books.

Cowles for the Poonemalee Country & Jagueer, & Ruby Brokerage to be advertised for sale the 28th. Instant.

The Cowles for the Poonemallee Country and Poonemallee Jagueer expiring the 30th. Instant.

Ordered that Publick Notice be affixed at the Sea Gate for letting the same by Publick Outcry on Saturday the 28th. Instant. And that the Ruby Brokerage (which has not been let since the Loss of Madrass no one having offer'd anything for it) be also put up at Outcry at the same time, both for one Year.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AB: WYNCH.
WILLM: PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS: BOURCHIER.

To the Honble GEORGE PIGOT Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of
FORT St. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

You have herewith a Report of the unserviceable six Pounder Guns in this Garrison pursuant to your Orders of the 31st. Ultimo signified to me by Mr. Dupre.

I am most respectfully
HONBLE SIR & SIRES

Your most Obedient & most humble servant

JOHN BROHIER.

FORT St: GEORGE.
4th. June 1755.

REPORT of Six Pounder, Unserviceable Guns.

Nature Pounder	Length Feet	Inch	Weight qr.	lb.	
6	6	3	—	—	Bad Trunnions
6	7	—	—	—	Do.
6	7				Do.
6	7	2			Do. and Honey combed

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Nature Pounds.	Length Feet.	Inch.	Weight. ⊕ Qr.	lb.	
6	8	—	17		Bad Muzzle
6	8		15		Dº. and Bad Trunnions
6	6	6	13	2	Dº.
6	6	6			Honey combed & Bad Trunnions
6	7	4			Muzzle broke off 2 foot
6	9	6			Honey combed
6	7	6			Nutt broke off
6	7				Ditto
6	7		12	14	Bad Trunnions
6	6	6			Bad Muzzle
6	7				Dº. & bad Trunnions.

JOHN BROHIER.

Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort Stᵗ. David dated this Day. 5

Arrived Ship Betsey Edward Rocke from Muscat & Cochin. —

Arrived Snow Richmond Edmund Whatmough from Bengal & Fort Stᵗ. David. 6

Arrived the Honble Company's Ship Protector William James from Bombay. 7

Sailed Ship Indian Queen, John Demare for Bengal. 8

Arrived in the Road after sunsett the Honble Companys Ships Rhoda from Endland, John Mᶜ. Nemara Commander, Messʳˢ. George Mandeville & John Godere supra Cargo's, and Mʳ. Charles Floyer Writer for this Establishment, Passenger Ship Prince of Wales, Willᵐ. Peck Commander, from England Messʳˢ. Thoˢ. Lockwood, Fraˢ. Wood & Thoˢ. Smith Supra Cargo's. 8

Early this Morning received by a Mussoolah from Fort Stᵗ. David two General Letters from the Deputy Governour & Council there dated the 6ᵗʰ. & 7ᵗʰ. Instant, accompanying a Box Packet from the Honble Court of Directors for this Presidency by the Bombay Castle which arrived there the 6ᵗʰ. Instant. 9

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQᴿ. GOVᴿ. PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEXᴿ. WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

MONDAY THE 9TH.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

Packets from Europe p Bombay Castle Rhoda & Prince of Wales, opened.

The Packets from the Honble Court of Directors for this Presidency by the ships Bombay Castle, Rhoda, & Prince of Wales being opened & severally compared with their Respective Lists are found to agree therewith; The General Letters & List of Investments therein contained being compared, are found to be all of the same Tenour & dated the 29ᵗʰ. Novʳ. 1754.

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Genl. Letter & List of Investment read.

The General Letter, List of Investment and other Material Papers in the said Packets are now read.

Packet to Colonel Scott opened by the President.

There being two Packets directed to Colonel Frederick Scott Esq^{r}. in those by the Bombay Castle & Rhoda which probably may contain some necessary Directions relating to our works, and Colonel Scott being dead, the President is desired to open one of them, which having done, he acquaints the Board that the Directions do not materially regard this settlement, whereupon the Packet is again sealed & ordered to be forwarded to Bengal by the first opportunity.

Orders signed for Delivery of Treasure.

Orders are now signed to Captn. John M^{c}. Nemara and William Peck severally for the Delivery of the Military Treasure, Wares and Stores consigned to this Presidency by the ships Rhoda & Prince of Wales respectively.

Committee of Treasury to weigh & send the silver to the Mint & Report.

The Committee of Treasury are to see that the Treasure by the several ships from Europe this season be duely weighed & delivered to the Mint to be coined, and they are to Report to the Board whether it turns out agreeable to Invoice.

Extracts to be made from the Genl. Letter & List of Investment.

Order'd that the several Paragraphs in the General Letter and also the Directions in the List of Investment relating to particular Employs or to the subordinate settlements be extracted and delivered or sent to whom they may concern.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 4th. Instant are now read and signed.

Genl. Letter from Bombay read.

General Letters read Viz^{t}.

N. 84. from the President & Council of Bombay dated 23^{d}. ultimo, acknowledging the Receipt of our Letters of the 21st. March & 15th. April, and acquainting us that they wrote us the 30th. April. That being in hopes no Measures have been taken in Europe which may render it necessary to detain their Military here, and having Reason to beleive the service will be in want of them on that side at the opening of the season, they send the Protector to us for them and in case she should not be capable of receiving the whole, They desire we will embark all the Europeans and as many of the Natives as we can and dispatch the ship so as to arrive there in all the Month of August. That their three Companys of seapoys returned lately by Land from S^{t}. David & having been allowed only two Rupees & a Month's Batta each Man, Captn. Armstrong has advised them that he was obliged to advance the subedars fifteen hundred Rupees, and as they behaved well, They think it would be but reasonable to allow their Expences, they have therefore ordered the Account to be settled and shall debt us for the Amount. That they are equally embarrassed with us in Regard to the sale of woollen Goods which disables them from making us a consignment of Treasure by this Conveyance for Bengal Presidency.

From Fort St. David.

N^{s}. 85, & 86 from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S^{t}. David, The first Dated the 6th. the other the 7th. Instant serving to advise the Arrival there of the Bombay Castle from England and that as the Landing the Military and some necessary stores will take up a few days, They dispatch the Bombay Castle's Packet to us by Chelingah.

Pattamars to be dispatched to Bombay with Advice of the Europe ships Arrival.

Agreed that Pattamars be dispatched to Bombay with one of the Packets enclosed to us by the Court of Directors for that Presidency, and that the Gentlemen there be advised we shall compleat the Warrens stock should she call here agreeable to their Request in their Letter of the 21st. April, That as our Advices from England leave us in a state of uncertainty whether an Accomodation will take Place or not in England between the two Companies, we

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should be glad to keep as strong a Body of Troops on this Coast as possible, however as we can hardly think the French will openly infringe the Treaty of Truce which ought to subsist till Answers are received to the Letters sent to Europe in January last, We shall return all or as great a Part of their Detachment by the Protector as can be accomodated and dispatch that ship so as to arrive early in August. That we shall compleat the Warrens stock.

That our Honble Masters having consigned us by the Rhoda two hundred & forty Bales of Cloth and sixty Bales of Long Ells to be forwarded to them should the Protector be capable of taking in any thing besides the Detachment, we shall take that opportunity to send a Part & the rest hereafter. and return their Detachment on the Protector.

Agreed that John Smith Paymaster be advanced out of Cash Two thousand (2000) Pagodas for Disbursements in that Employ. Advance to the Paymaster.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVR. PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.	HENRY POWNEY.	WEDNESDAY THE 11TH. JUNE.
ROBERT ORME.	ALEXR. WYNCH.	
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.	JOHN SMITH.	

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The President acquaints the Board that the 9th. Instant a Ship from Embden called the Prince Henry of Prussia anchored in the Road of St. Thome and sent a Note ashore by a Cattamaram desiring water & Provisions to which the serjeant commanding there replied by his (the Presidents) Directions that there were no Boats belonging to that Place, but that Refreshments might be had at this settlement, whereupon one of the supra Cargos had been with him, and requested Leave to bring the ship into the Road and to purchase wood and Water & Provisions of which they are in great want on board. This Gentleman also informed him that the ship is of the Burthen of about 600 Tons, is commanded by Captain Mathews Clinckaart, wears the Royal Colours of Prussia and belongs to the Royal Prussian Company: That one Mr. Young (who calls himself as subject of Spain) is 1st. supracargo, himself (Theirin de Chanlay) second, and Monsr. Broutart third, That they left Embden in December last, put in at St. Jago for Refreshments and touched no where since till they anchored at St. Thome, and as soon as they have taken in Refreshments they propose to proceed to Bengal. A Prussia Ship anchors at St. Thomé.

The last Paragraph of the Genl. Letter from the Honble Court of Directors dated the 23d. Janry 1754 being thereupon read. Recourse had to the Compys orders about her.

Agreed that the said Ship be supplied with wood, water, & Provisions but that all Manner of Trade be prohibited as well with the Inhabitants of this settlement as with the Vessells in the Road and the better to prevent any Clandestine Traffick Agreed that Commodore James be directed to bring the Wood & water to be supplied her, but all Manner of Trade prohibited.

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Protector to an Anchor as near to the Prussian ship as may be safe and convenient, and suffer no Boats to pass to or from the Vessel without calling first on board the Protector to be examined, & that none be suffered to pass with any Things, but Wood, Water Provision and Refreshments.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

11 Sent by Tappies General Letter to DeveCotah dated this Day.

.. Sent by Pattamars General Letter to Bombay dated this Day.

.. Received by Peons General Letter from Vizagapatam dated 26th. Ultimo.

13 Arrived the Honble Company's Ship Bombay Castle, Thomas Browne from England (last from St. David from whence his Packet was forwarded hither the 9th. Instant) Messrs. Thos. Kelsall, Willm. Barker, Edward Raddon, Richard Cooke, John Maxwellstone, Archdale Palmer & Abraham Browne, Writers for this Settlement, Passengers.

13 Received by Tappies from Fort St. David General Letter from Admiral Watson dated 10th. Instant.

.. Sent by Tappies Letter from the Secretary to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David dated this day.

14 Received by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 12th. Instant.

15 Sailed Ship Henry Prince of Prussia, Mathew Chinkaart for Bengal.

16 Received by Pattamars General Letter from Bombay dated 30th. April.
Do. Do. from Tellicherry dated 22d. May.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY 16TH. GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVR. PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEXANDER WYNCH.
... ... JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

MR. PERCEVAL *absent, being indisposed.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of the three last Consultations dated the 4th. 9th. & 11th. Instant read and signed.

Genl. Letters read. General Letters read VIZT.

From Vizagapatam. N. 87 From Charles Boddam Esqr. Chief &ca. Council of Vizagapatam dated 26th. Ultimo acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 25 April and acquainting us that they published the Cartel the Dutch agreeable to our Directions. That an outstanding Debt of long Continuance has been carried forward in their Ballance of Cash and as they look upon it to be a desperate Debt they desire our Permission to write it off. That an Invoice of arms sent

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them ℔ Saint George not being received till after the ship was sailed and consequently they could not demand the same they desire our Directions how to adjust that Article Cloth on hand of various sorts 468 Corge.

From Admiral Watson.

N. 88 from Admiral Watson at Fort S^{t}. David dated 10th. Instant, desiring that Directions may be given to the Gentlemen at Fort S^{t}. David to open the Box of Letters by any ship from Europe that may touch there, that he may receive those directed to him without Delay.

From Ft. St. David.

N. 89 from the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort S^{t}. David dated 12th. Instant, acquainting us that they have landed from the Bombay Castle. One Lieutenant, an Ensign, a voluntier & seventy two Recruits and such Stores as could be come at, a List of which they enclose and desire an Invoice They also send us their Indents for what other wares & stores they want and acquaint us that Captain Browne has detained two of the Recruits and wrote them a Letter on the subject which they enclose.

From Bombay.

N. 90 From the President & Council at Bombay dated 30th. April acquainting us that since they wrote us the 21st. of that month, they had altered their Intentions in Regard to the Warrens touching here which would be attended with Loss of Time and as the good sale of Part of her Cargo depends on her early Arrival at Canton they have ordered her to proceed thither directly from Tellicherry and desire we will nevertheless compleat her stock which will be deficient about Bombay Rupees Eighty six thousand three hundred and seventy Eight three Quarters & six Rees (86378–3–6) by dividing the foreign silver on the Company's Ships bound from hence to Canton & consigning it to such supra Cargos as are appointed to take charge of the Warren.

From Tellicherry.

N. 91 From Tho^{s}. Hodges Esq^{r}. Chief &c^{a}. Factors at Tellicherry dated 22^{d}. May, acknowledging the Receipt of our Letters of the 21st. March & 15th. April with the Packet for Bombay which they forwarded by the way of Mangalore. Enclosing a Packet received from Bombay to be forwarded to us.

Vizagapatam to be wrote to.

Agreed that the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam be acquainted we do not approve of their writing off the old Debt due from the salt Pan Renter but that they must Endeavour to recover it and in regard to the Arms which they are at a Loss how to adjust that they must Credit us for the Amount the arms they mention being those which the serjeants had with them who were sent on the Montfort.

Admiral Watson to be wrote to.

Agreed that a Letter be wrote to Admiral Watson to acquaint him that we have given Directions to the Gentlemen at St. David to open the Packet of any Europe Ship that may touch there and deliver his Letters &c^{a}.

Letter from Captn. Browne of the Bombay Castle abt. his Detention of 2 Recruits.

The Letter from Captn. Browne to the Deputy Governor and Council at Fort S^{t}. David mentioned in their Letter read this day being read setting forth that the two Military Recruits of the Company's which he has detained on board, being very usefull, one of them as an Assistant to the surgeon whose Mate is at the Point of Death he begs he may have Leave to keep them especially as he has often spared Men out of his ship for the Company's service.

To lye on the Table.

Order'd that the said Letter do lye on the Table to be further considered.

Stock of the Warren to be compleated as the Gentlemen at Bombay desire.

Agreed that the stock of the Warren be compleated and consigned to China in Manner requested in the Letter this day read from the Gentlemen at Bombay.

Proposals to Bengal concerning the September Dispatch.

Agreed to write to the Gentlemen at Bengal that as our Honble Masters acquaint us they would have full two thousand Tons of salt Petre sent home this season from the three Presidencies and permitt the Tonnage of each ship to be made up with a large Proportion of that article we judge it will be better

to return two ships home in September instead of one as they acquaint us they shall have Bales sufficient to half load one ship, If therefore they approve of our Proposal we desire they will divide their Bales equally on two ships & Compleat both their Tonnage with salt Petre consigned to us that we may take out here as much as will make Room for the Bales, we may then have, But if this Proposal should not meet with their Approbation or they should not be able to send us so large a Quantity of Salt Petre, in that Case We desire they will send us up one ship only with what Bales they have already and compleat her Tonnage with salt Petre consigned to us that we may land here as much as will make Room for our Bales which we fear will not exceed two hundred Tons, and at the same time we desire they will acquaint us what Quantity of salt Petre they propose to send home this season and how much they Imagine may be sent from the Bombay side that we may be guided in the quantity of surplus Salt Petre to be laden here.

Nella Chitty undertakes Rent of the Fort St. David Investment.

Agreeable to Resolution of Consultation the 4th, Instant the President acquaints the Board that he had discoursed with Nella Chitty in regard to the Fort St. David Investment and that he was willing to undertake a Part on the Terms the present Merchants received their Advances, whereupon Nella Chitty being called in and asked what Part of the Fort St. David Investment he is willing to undertake, acquaints the Board that he will use his best Endeavours to procure a good Quantity of

LONG CLOTH FINE
LONG CLOTH CHINNAMANAICKPOLLAM
LONG CLOTH WORRIARPOLLAM
LONG CLOTH MIDLING BLUE
SALAMPORES MIDLING
SALAMPORES ORDINARY
SOOT ROMALLS

but desires further Time to consider whether he can undertake to provide any Long Cloth salem. The President then acquainted him that if he acted in this undertaking with spirit and to the satisfaction of the Board he might depend on having every Encouragement and support that could be given him with particular Marks of Favour. He then desired an Advance of Ten thousand (10,000) Pagodas which is granted.

and desires an advance of 10000 Pags. — Granted.

St. David to be advised of Nella Chittys undertaking the Investment.

Agreed that the Gentlemen at Fort St. David be advised of Nella Chittys having engaged for Part of their Investment and that they be directed to give him all the Encouragement and Assistance in their Power.

Mayors Court desire some Law Books to be deposited with them And Extracts from the Genl. Letters relating to the Court.

Letter from the Register of the Mayor's Court read as entered hereafter Requesting that the Law Books which are at present in the court may remain deposited there, and that such other Books relating to Civil suits as have not yet been sent to the Court be now delivered them to be kept in the Court, but however to be delivered out upon application made, desiring also that a Copy may be sent them of all the Paragraphs of the General Letters which have been received from the Court of Directors since the Reestablishment of the Mayors Court which relate thereto.

Agreed that the same be complied with.

Letter from Captn. Browne of the Bombay Castle representing a Mutiny on board.

Letter from Captain Thos. Browne of the Bombay Castle read, Enclosing one to him from the Commanding Officer on board his ship, giving an account of a Mutiny which happened last night occasioned by some of the People attempting to run away from the ship with the Yawl, in which being detected & the officers endeavouring to secure them they attempted to cut the Cable, but were

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happily prevented and being at length overpowered, six of the Ringleaders were put in Irons, Captain Browne therefore requests the assistance of the Board in bringing these People to condign Punishment as it is not in his Power to do it on board and the consequence of passing over such an Attempt may be the Loss of Ship and Cargo.

A Detachment of military to be sent off to bring the Mutineer's ashore.

Ordered that a Detachment of Military be sent off to the Bombay Castle to bring the Mutineers on shore and that they be kept in confinement untill a proper Enquiry be made into the affair.

Mr. Brohiers arrears & salary to be paid as p Gen. Letter from England.

Ordered that the Paymaster discharge Mr. Brohier's Arrears and that he be paid in future agreeable to the Company's Directions in the 78th. Paragraph of their Commands by the Bombay Castle &ca.

A Charcoal Burner to be sent to Deve Cotah.

The Company having sent out a Charcoal Burner who is of no service here there being no Quantity of proper Wood to be procured at this Place for making of Charcoal, Agreed that he be sent to DeveCotah to make a Tryal whether it will answer to burn Charcoal there.

The Co's Iron to be sold the 21st.

There being a great Demand for Iron at present, Agreed that the Company's Iron be advertised for Sale on Saturday the 21st. Instant.

Assignee's of Solomon Salomons desired Paymt. of a Certificate for Money lent in 1746: referred home & a Copy to be sent.

Mr. Orme for himself, Wm. Perceval, Aw. Munro, & Saln. Franco as Assignees of the Estate of Solomon Salomons presents to the Board, a Certificate to the Court of Directors dated the 2d. of November 1746, signed by Nicholas Morse &ca. Council for A. Rs. 2000, received into Cash of Salomon Solomons, and desires Payment thereof, which is refused, but it is Agreed to advise the Company thereof and that a Copy of the said Certificate be sent home in the next Packet.

Accountt. General's Draft for 5 Chests Coral Accot. Solomon Salomons.

The Accountant General his Draft by Order of the Mayor's Court for five Chests of Rough Coral mark'd L ℔ N 10 @ 14 which were deposited on Account of Solomon Solomons and now to be delivered to Samuel Moses, being read.

Order'd to be deliverd.

Order'd that the same be delivered accordingly.

Writers lately arrived stationed.

Agreed that the Several Writers lately arrived and Entertained from England be stationed in manner following Vizt.

Mr. John Palmer,
Mr. Thos. Kelsall
Mr. Willm. Barker
} Under the Secretary.

Mr. Chas. Floyer under the Secretary to the Committee.

Mr. John Maxwellstone Under the Storekeeper.

Mr. Archdale Palmer Under the Export Warehousekeeper.

Mr. Edward Raddon
Mr. Richd. Cooke
Mr. Abraham Browne
} at Fort St. David.

John Palmer taken the oath & names his Security.

The Secretary lays before the Board the Covenants duely executed of Mr. John Palmer Writer entertained as by the 84th. Paragraph of the General Letter dated 29th. Novr. 1754 who being called in and sworn to be true & faithfull, Names for his Security Mr. James Goddard of London Merchant who will appoint another.

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Two new Companies to be raised out of the Recruits received this Season.

Colonel Lawrence represents to the Board that the Officers allowed to each Company of Military being but barely sufficient to discipline and command the Men originally limitted to those Company's and as the Number of Men will be considerably encreased by the Recruits sent out this Year, he therefore recommends the raising two new Companies out of those Recruits in which the Board Concurr And that the Company may not be put to any Expence on that Account it is agreed that the Command of them be given to Captn. William Lee & Captn. Timothy Bridge who already have Brevets & receive Pay as Captains, The first on the Bombay, the latter on the Bengal Establishments.

Captains appointed to them and other officers.

And there having been a Vacant Lieutenancy in one of the 14 Old Company's several Months occasioned by the Desertion of Lieut^{t}. Paterson, which has been omitted to be filled up, Agreed that M^{r}. Brooke Samson the oldest Ensign be promoted thereto, and that Mess^{rs}. Dugald Campbell & Edward Frith receiving Pay as Brevet Lieutenants & recommended this Season from Europe to be promoted to the two first vacant Lieutenancys have Commissions accordingly in the two new Company's, And that Mess^{rs}. Randfurlie Knox, Robert Bannatyne & Michael Burk Brevet Ensigns be promoted to the three Vacancy's for Ensigns Viz^{t}. The first in one of the fourteen old Company's and that two latter in the two new Companies. A Commission is also ordered to be drawn out for Lieut^{t}. John Fraser as Adjutant of Fort S^{t}. George in the Room of Lieut^{t}. Paterson deserted as abovementioned.

Cash Accott. read.

The President reads the Cash Account for last Month, Ballance remaining, compared with the Chest Thirty one thousand & nineteen Current Pagodas thirty two fanams and forty three Cash (31019–32–43) and twelve hundred and seventy one Madrass Pagodas, twenty one fanams & thirty five Cash (1271–21–35) which is carried forward.

Treasury Accot^{t}. read.

The Treasury Accounts are also read, The Several Ballances being compared and found right are Silver one quarter $\frac{1}{4}$ Chests Containing Eighty one Pound, Eight Ounces and ten Penny weight (81–8–10) Madrass Pagodas Twenty thousand six hundred and seventeen (M. P^{s}. 206–17 —) Current Pagodas One hundred and Seven thousand five hundred & sixty two, one fanam & seventy Cash (C^{t}. Pags. 107562–1–70) Arcot Rupees Twenty two thousand four hundred & twenty three, Eleven Anaes and one Pice (A. R^{s}. 22423–11–1) Madrass Rupees Three thousand two hundred & thirty five (M. R^{s}. 3235) which are carried forward.

Money paid in from the Treasury.

The Committee of Treasury pay in ten thousand (10000) Pagodas from the Treasury.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^{R}: WYNCH.

JOHN SMITH.
CH^{S}: BOURCHIER.

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The Honble United Company's Cash.

Dr:

1.	To Ballance brought from last Month's Account	Pagods.	29193	21	46
5.	To Robert Orme Export Warehousekeeper received of him the Ballance of that Account for last Month		3000	—	—
..	To Henry Powney Sea Customer receiv'd of him on his Running Accott.		1000	—	—
..	To Charles Bourchier Rental General recd. of him on Account of Quitt Rents collected on the Roll Ending 31st. Augt. 1753		1400	—	—
..	To Pustponatha Nayenar Renter of the Seven Magans of the Tripossore Country received of him (being with 3000 Pags. recd. 14th. March) in full for six Month's Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Febry last		7000	—	—
10.	To the Committee of Treasury recd. of them for Rupees sold ...		2702	25	24
26.	To Pitloor Vencaty Kistna & Permal Kellava Chittee Beetle and Tobacco Farmers recd. of them in full for one Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. April last ...		666	24	—
..	To Pitloor Vencata Kistna & Permal Kallava Chittee Farmers of the Arrack and Wine License received of them in full for one Months Rent of that Cowle due the 1st. April last		333	12	—
26.	To the Committee of Treasury received of them for Rupees sold.		4324	11	54

℔ Contra.

Cr.

1.	By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him to pay the Military.	5270	9	58
..	By John Smith Paymaster advanced him for Disbursements in that Employ	6000	—	—
10.	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him to defray the Charles [*sic*] of the Troops abroad ...	2702	25	24
12.	By Alexander Wynch Storekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that Employ	1000	—	—
26.	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad ...	4054	1	76
..	By Robert Westgarth Resident at Pegue paid him the Ballance of his Account with the Honble Company	836	11	51
..	By Chas. Bourchier Military Storekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that Employ ...	600	—	—
..	By George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master paid him the Ballance of Current Pagodas in that Account for last Month	44	13	—
..	By Madrass Pagodas for the April Mint Ballance	185	—	—
		20692	25	49
31.	By Ballance carried to next Month's Account	31019	32	43

26	To George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master received of him the Ballance of Madrass Pagodas in that Account for last Month	185	—	—				
..	To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd. of him on his Running Account	1100	—	—				
..	To William Perceval Land Customer received of him the Ballance of that Account for last Month ...	806	35	48				
	Starr or Currt. Pags. ...	51712	22	12	Star or Currt. Pags. ...	51712	22	12

MADRASS PAGODAS.

CONTRA.

Dr.						Cr.		
1.	To Ballance brought from last Month Account	1086	21	35	31. By Ballance carried to next Month's Account	1271	21	35
26.	To the Honble Company's Cash for the April Mint Ballance ...	186	—	—				
	M. Pags. ...	1271	21	35	M. Pags. ...	1271	21	35

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

℘ GEORGE PIGOT.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r^.
Presid^t^. & Gov^r^. &c^a^. Council of
Fort S^t^ : George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am directed by the Honble the Mayors Court to represent to your Honour &c^a^. that the Multiplicity of Business which comes before them, requires that they should have very frequent and immediate Access, to some or other of the Law Books, which have been sent out by the Company relating to Civil Suits and without a Reference to which, it will often be very difficult, if not sometimes impossible to form a proper Judgement of the Merits of many Cases which may come before them, I am therefore ordered to desire of your Honour &c^a^. that the Law Books which are at present in the Court, may always remain deposited there, and likewise that your Honour &c^a^. would order such other Books relating to Civil Suits as have not as yet been sent to the Court, to be now deliver'd them.

But as the List, lately received from your Secretary, of the Law Books, shews, that there is but one Copy received from England, of some of these Books, Lest your Honour &c^a^. The Clerk of the Court of Appeals or any other Officer, whose Employment may make it necessary to refer to any of these Books, should be under any Inconveniency, by their being kept in this Court, They direct me to acquaint you, that it is their Intention, that I shall from time to time deliver out of any of those Books for Perusal when an Application is made for that Purpose, in which Case it will be necessary that they should be returned again, as soon as possible till such time as another sett of the same Books are received from England, in Consequence of the Application, which this Court made to the Court of Directors by the last shipping.

I am also ordered by this Court to desire that your Honour &c^a^. would be pleased to send them Copies of all the Paragraphs of the General Letters which have been received from the Court of Directors since the Re-Establishment of the said Mayor's Court which do in any Respect relate thereto.

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t^. Servant
By order of the Mayors Court

Fort S^t^ : George.
6^th^. June 1755.

Daniel Morse,
Reg^r^.

Sailed Ship Charles, Castelan de Vernet for Pondicherry. 17
D^o^. Sloop Fatea Rame, Cannou, Noquedah for Ballasore. ..
D^o^. Sloop Groo Persad Mogoonderam, Naquedah for D^o^. ...
Received by Tappies General Letter from Fort S^t^. David dated 16^th^. Inst^t^. 18
Sent by Tappies General Letters to the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort S^t^. David, & to Admiral Watson both dated this day. 18
Arrived Snow David William Palairet from Covelong. 19
Arrived The Honble Company's Ship Hardwicke John Samson from England last from Madeira with a Packet from the Honble Court of Directors for this Presidency. ..

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY THE 19TH. GEORGE PIGOT ESQR: GOVR: PRESIDENT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEXR: WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

Packet from England p Hardwicke opened.

The Packet from the Honble Court of Directors by the Hardwicke being opened, examined with the List of Papers & found to agree therewith, the General Letter, List of Investment & other material Papers therein contained are found to be of the same Tenour & Date with those received by the Bombay Castle, Rhoda & Prince of Wales.

Letter from Messrs. Chambers &ca., at Madeira read.

Captain Samson also delivers in another Packet which being opened is found to contain a Letter from Messrs. Chambers, Hiccox & Chambers at Madeira advising that they have laden & consigned to us on the Hardwicke One hundred and fifty Pipes of Madeira Wine, for which they enclose Invoice & Bill of Lading.

Stowage of the Madeira Wine to be surveyed.

Order'd that the Secretary give Notice to any two Commanders of Ships now in the Settlement together with the Company's Cooper to go on Board the Hardwicke to survey the stowage of the Madeira Wine & to make their Report, thereof to the Board.

Order to deliver Treasure & Military.

An Order is now signed to Captn. Samson for the Delivery of the Treasure & Military on board the Hardwicke consigned to this Presidency.

10000 Pags. to be sent overland to Ft. St. David.

Agreed that Ten thousand (10000) Pagods. be sent to the Gentlemen at Fort St. David by Peons overland.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR: WYNCH.
WILLM: PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS: BOURCHIER.

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20 Sailed Snow David Willm. Palairet for Bengal.

.. Sent by Peons Ten thousand (10000) Pagodas to Fort St. David with a Letter of this Date from the Secretary advising thereof.

21 Sent by Tappies General Letter from DeveCotah dated 18th. Instt.

.. Arrived his Majesty's Ship Bridgwater Captn. Martin and Sloop Kingfisher Captn. Harrison from Fort St. David.

22 Arrived Sloop Diederiexhaven, Corn de Lange from Pulliacat.

23 Sailed Snow Neptune Joseph Austin for Bengal.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR: GOVR: PRESIDENT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEXANDER WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

MONDAY THE 23rd.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of two last Consultations dated the 16th. & 19th. Instant read and signed.

General Letters read Vizt.

Genl. Letters read.

N. 92 From the Deputy Governour and Council at Fort St. David dated 16th. Instant accompanying their Consultations & monthly Accounts also a List of the several species of Goods provided at that Settlement on the Company's Account with the Prices and, advising that their Cash is reduced to Ten thousand Pagodas and that they have large Drafts on them from Camp & DeveCotah wherefore they desire a large supply That the Commander of the Bombay Castle was obliged to leave behind sick at Cuddalore a young Gentleman named Cooke who came out a Writer for Fort St. George.

From Ft. St. David.

N. 93 From DeveCotah dated 18th. Instant acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 11th. Instant and assuring us that he will punctually observe the Terms of the Cowle, that he has already repaired all the Banks of any Consequence and secured a large Quantity of Water for the Cultivating the Bounds, that he is concerned at the Clause which he is informed is to be inserted in the Cowle by which he is to be deprived of the small and almost only Advantage left but enjoyed by every one of his Predecessors who were exempted from paying any Duty on Firewood.

Genl. Letters From Deve Cotah.

Drafts of General Letters to Fort St. David and the three Northern Settlements containing Remarks on their respective Investments with Directions for their Conduct therein, and also Drafts of separate Genl. Letters to the three Northern Settlements in answer to those lately received from thence are now read and approved.

Drafts of Genl. Letters to St. David & the Northern Settlements relating to the Investment Read.

Order'd that Pattamars be dispatched to Bombay with Duplicate of our last, and the Packet from our Honble Masters for the Gentlemen there received by the Rhoda, that by the Bombay Castle having been already forwarded.

Pattamars to be dispatched to Bombay.

Agreeable to order of Consultation the 19th. Instant Captn. Francis Taylor & William Swallow having been required to Survey the Stowage of the Madeira Wine on board the Hardwicke, deliver in their Report as Entd. hereafter that as far as they could see the Casks were stowe'd bring up, and the Cantlines filled with Cowries.

Report Survey of the stowage of Madeira wine ℔ Hardwicke.

The Petitions of John Abbot Surgeon of the Hardwicke, Andrew Johnson, Surgeon of the Rhoda, and James Rutherford Surgeon of the Prince of Wales, read as entered hereafter respectively praying to be allowed the usual Gratuity, on the Military Recruits landed from those ships, Order'd that the Military Paymaster discharge the same, if on due Enquiry there appears no Cause of Complaint.

Petitions of the Surgeons of the Hardwicke Rhoda & Prince of Wales for Head Money on Recruits. Granted.

In Order the more punctually to Comply with the Company's Intentions expressed in their Commands of the 29th. Novr. with Respect to the Works carrying on, on this Coast The Head of Fortifications, Buildings & Revenues is now again read and considered, altho the Directions in the 67th. Paragraph

Company's Orders relating to the Works Considered.

to give publick Notice for receiving Proposals in regard to making and Supplying of Bricks & Chunam has already been tried without success, as the only Proposals delivered in were by one Troutback who not being deemed sufficiently Responsible was called upon to give security for Performance of his proposed contract, but could not produce any; however in Obedience to the Command conveyed in the said Paragraph it is ordered that Publick Notice be affixed at the usual Places that all Persons whatsoever who may be inclined to supply or Contract for supplying the Company with Materials of all kinds for carrying on the Fortifications and Buildings may deliver in their Proposals to the Board on or before the 1st. day of August next.

Publick Notice to be given that the Board will receive Proposals for all kinds of Materials.

In regard to the 74th. Paragraph relating to the Exchange of Pagodas, It is humbly hoped that the * Report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the several Allegations contained in the Letters addressed to the Board by Messrs. Boddam and Brohier will Serve as some Proof that the Informations which have been given to the Honble Court of Directors on this head have arisen from Error, and that the Company have not been injured in the gross manner which some Representations have doubtless given them sufficient Grounds to suspect.

Observation on the Exchange of Pagodas.

*This Report is Entd. after Consult: 3d. March last.

The 79th. Paragraph enjoins a Strict Enquiry into the Conduct & Behaviour of the Company's Servants in General and particularly of those who have furnished materials for the works or been concerned in Payments relative to them, with Respect to the latter the Report abovementioned is again humbly referr'd to, and in regard to the Conduct of the Company's Servants in general the several members of the Board do here declare for the Information of the Honble Court of Directors that they have no Cause to be dissatisfied with the Behaviour of their several Assistants who are in general sober and diligent, nor have they ever heard any Complaints of others.

Relating to an Enquiry in the Conduct of the Compy's Servants, recommended in the Genl. Letter from England.

Order'd that an Extract of such Parts of the abovementioned General Letter as any way relate to the Works be sent to Captain Brohier together with a Copy of the Report of the Committee above referr'd to, and the Secretary is directed to acquaint him in writing that if at any time he should have any observations to make, or Proposals to offer for rectifying any Irregularities or for the better conducting the Works and more effectually carrying into Execution the Company's Orders and Intentions in this Respect the Board will be at all times Ready to receive & consider them.

Extracts of the Genl. Letter from England & Copy of the report of the Committee relating to Messrs. Boddam & Brohier be sent to Mr. Brohier with a Letter from the Secry.

The Committee of Treasury pay in for Rupees sold Thirteen thousand four hundred and Eighty six Pagodas seventeen fanams & forty two Cash (13486–17–42) which is immediately advanced to the Commissary to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad.

Money paid in for Rupee sold, and Advanced to the Commissary.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in One thousand (1000) Pagodas on his Running Account.

Sea Customer pays in.

Agreed that John Smith Paymaster be advanced one thousand (1000) Pagodas out of Cash to defray the Charges of that Employ.

Advance to the Paymr.

Pitloor Vencata Kistna & Permal Kellavah Chittee Renters of the Beetle & Tobacco Farm pay in six hundred and sixty six Pagodas, twenty four fanams (666–24) being in full for one Month's Rent due on that Farm the 1st. Ultimo.

Rents paid in Vizt. of the Beetle & Tobacco Farm.

Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah & Permal Kellavah Chittee Farmers of the Arrack & Wine Licence, pay in Three hundred and Thirty three Pagodas & twelve fanams being in full for one Month's Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ultimo.

Of the Arrack & Wine License.

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Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah & Permal Kellava Chitty Renters of the Measuring Duty, pay in one hundred and sixty six Pagodas and twenty four fanams (Ps. 166—24. —) being in full for two Months Rent due on that Cowle the 1st. Ultimo. of the Measuring Duty.

Agreed that a Remittance of Ten thousand (10000) Pagodas be sent to Fort St. David by Peons overland. 10000 Pags. to be sent to St. David by Peons.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR: WYNCH.
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JOHN SMITH.
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TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
FORT ST: GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

In Complyance with the Request made us by your Secretary, We have been on board the Hardwicke, and as far as We could see (which was only the square of the Hatchway) the Casks was stowed Bung up, the Cantlins filled with loose Cowries.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Servants
FRANCIS TAYLOR
WILLIAM SWALLOW.

FORT ST: GEORGE.
22D. JUNE 1755.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST: GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Honble Court of Directors having been pleased to promise to the Surgeons of their Ships a Gratuity of ten shillings for every one of the Military landed in India in consideration of the Trouble of attending the sick in the voyage which I have carefully done in the Ship Rhoda, I therefore humbly request your Honour &ca. Council will be pleased to order the Payment of the said Gratuity for 94 men landed at this Settlement.

I am with Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. hble Servt.
ANDREW JOHNSTON.

FORT ST: GEORGE.
23D. JUNE 1755.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r^.
Presid^t^. & Gov^r^. &c^a^. Council of
Fort S^t^: George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having duely discharged my Duty as Surgeon of the Honble Company's Ship Hardwicke in the Care of their Military I humbly request your Honour &c^a^. Council will be pleased to order the Payment of the usual Gratuity for 91 men landed at this Settlement.

I am respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t^. hble Serv^t^.

Fort S^t^: George. John Abbot.
23^d^. June 1755.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r^.
Presid^t^. & Gov^r^. &c^a^. Council of
Fort S^t^: George.

The Humble Petition of Ja^s^. Rutherford Surgeon of the Ship Prince of Wales

Sheweth

That Your Petitioner having duely attended the Honble Comp̃y's Military on board the Prince of Wales in the Passage from England, He Humbly prays your Honour &c^a^. Council will be pleased to order the Paym^t^. of the Honble Comp̃ys Gratuity for 93 Men landed at this Settlement.

And your Petit^r^. shall ever Pray.

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24 Received by Peons General Letter from Ingeram dated 8^th^. Instant.

— D^o^. d^o^. from Bandarmalka dated 7^th^. Instant.

— Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort S^t^. David dated this Day.

25 Sailed Ship Nossa Señora Amparo Manoel de Mora for Macao.

25 Recd. by Peons Gen^l^. Letter from Anjengo dated 31^st^. May.

— Sent by Peons General Letters dated this day Viz^t^.

— To Vizagapatam, Ingeram, Bandarmlka and Anjengo. — Two Gen^l^. Letters to each Settlement, One relating to the Investment, The other in answer to their several Letters received.

26 Sailed Sloop Fortune, John Forbes for Pegue.

27 Sailed Ship Speedwell John Coatsworth for Bengal with General Letter dated 21^st^. Inst^t^.

28 Sent by Peons to the Deputy Governour & Council at Fort S^t^. David Ten thousand (10000) Pagodas which are now paid in from the Treasury with a General Letter dated this day.

— Received by Tappies General Letter from DeveCotah dated 28^th^. June.

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28 The Board assembled at the Sea Gate to put up at Outcry, pursuant to advertisement, the Cowles for the Poonemalee Country, Poonemalee Jagueer and Ruby Brokerage, but it being intimated that there was Reason to suspect a Combination had been formed or intended amongst the principal Renters not to bid to the value of the Farms, the Board thereupon agreed to adjourn the sale to Monday Morning next at 11 O'Clock, and to meet in Council at 9 to Consider of means to prevent the Effect of any such Combination.

29 Sent by Pattamars General Letter to Bombay dated this Day Enclosing a Packet from England Rhoda & one received from Anjengo.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR: GOVR: PRESIDENT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEXR: WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

MONDAY THE 30TH.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated 23d. Instt. read and signed.

General Letters read Vizt. — General letters read Vizt.

N. 94. From Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram dated 8th. Instant acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 25th. April with Copy of a Cartel with the Dutch to which he promises Obedience, Enclosing monthly Papers for that settlement for last Month. — From Ingeram.

N. 95. From Mr. John Andrews at Bandarmalanka dated 7th. Instant, acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 23d. April with a Copy of the Cartel with the Dutch to which he promises to observe & Encloses the Monthly Papers of that Settlement for May. — From Bandarmalka.

N. 96. From George Scott Esqr. Chief &ca. Factors at Anjengo dated 31st. May, acknowledging the Receipt of our Letters of the 21st. March and 15th. April and Enclosing a Packet for the President & Council of Bombay which they desire may be forwarded immediately. — From Anjengo.

N. 97 From Mr. Chas. Hopkins Chief at DeveCotah dated 23d. Instant, acquainting us that the Scarcity of Grain and Provisions at that Place being so great as to distress the Garrison and Inhabitants, he had desired Ramanaigue to forbear drawing any Duty from the People by whom they are supplied till such necessaries grow cheaper, which he is informed has been practised on the like Occasions, whereon he desires our Direction, That he also acquainted Ramanaigue of his Readiness to assist him in any thing that might not put the Company to Expence upon which he desired 10 or 12 seapoys which were granted but he discharged them again as soon as he found they were to be paid Batta when he employed them beyond the usual Limits. Enclosing his Monthly Papers. — From Devecotah

Agreed that a General Letter be wrote to Mr. Charles Hopkins at DeveCotah in Answer to his last acquainting him that we shall always approve of employing such means for relieving the Distresses of the Garrison and Inhabitants as may best answer that End and whenever it is found expedient for that — Mr. Hopkins to be wrote to in regard to the Devecotah Farm.

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Purpose to forbear collecting any Duty on Provisions We consent that it be put on Practise and in such Case a very exact and just Account must be taken, expressing the Quantity & Kind of Provisions with the Rate & total Juncan or Duty so remitted, that due satisfaction may be made the Renters.

50 Pipes of the Madeira Wine consigned to Bengal to be landed.

Company's servants to be supplied as last year.

Our Honble having permitted us to land fifty Pipes of the Madeira Wine consigned to Bengal in Case the Quantity intended for us should not be sufficient to supply the servants on this Coast, and it appearing upon a Calculation that the Fifty Pipes we are permitted to land, added to our own, will but barely suffice to supply all the servants Civil and Military and the Officers of his Majesty's Squadron and Land Forces, it is Agreed that the said Fifty Pipes be landed accordingly, that 25 ℔ Cent be added to the Prime Cost of the wine and the Company's Servants be supplied in manner resolved in Consultation the 3d. June 1754.

Mr. Chas. Smith requests leave to go to China for the Recovery of his Health Granted.

Letter from Mr. Charles Smith read as entered hereafter, Representing that he has for a considerable time past been in a very declining state of Health, which still growing worse and being advised that a Change of Climate for sometime will be the only effectual Means of restoring it, he therefore prays Leave to go to China on one of the Company's ships and return again by the first Opportunity, which is granted.

[The] Sale of Iron.

The Storekeeper lays before the Board as Entered hereafter an Account Sale of four hundred Candies of Iron sold at Outcry the 21st. Instant amounting to six thousand one hundred and twenty seven Pagodas Eighteen fanams (6127–18. —) which on an Average is upwards of Ps. 15¼ ℔ Candy.

Storekeeper delivers in [indent for] sundry stores for the [Protector] [Europe] Cable to be [complied with] Storekr. to purchase Salt Provisions for the Bombay Detachment.

The Storekeeper lays before the Board an Indent for sundry stores &ca. wanted for the Protector amongst which is an Europe Cable of 17 Inches, Order'd that the same be complied with and that the Storekeeper purchase from the Europe shipping such a Cable as is wanted, there being none in the stores, and that he also purchase from them what salt Provisions they can spare in order to victual the Bombay Detachment intended to be returned on the Protector.

30 Tons Redwood to be sent to Bengal ℔ Hardwicke.

Agreed that Thirty Tons of Redwood be sent to Bengal on the Hardwicke.

Monthly Accots. read viz. Mint.

George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master reads that Account for last Month, Ballance then due to the Mint, Current Pagodas Forty four & six fanams (44–6) which are now paid him, and from the Mint Arcot Rupees Seven hundred and Ninety nine and Eleven Anaes (A. Rs. 799–11. —) which are carried forward, and Two hundred and fifty two Madrass Pagodas (M. Ps. 252) which are now paid in.

Sea Customer.

Henry Powney Sea Customer reads that Account for last Month, Ballance then due from him Ten thousand Nine hundred and seventy three Pagodas thirty fanams and seventy four Cash (10973–30–74) which is carried forward.

Storekeeper.

Alexander Wynch Storekeeper reads that Account for last Month, Ballance then due from him Three thousand and seventy two Pagodas two fanams & twenty six Cash (3072–2–26) which is carried forward.

Land Customer.

William Perceval Land Customer reads that Account for last Month, Ballance then due from him six hundred and sixty one Pagodas thirty five fanams & nine Cash (661–35–9) which he now pays in.

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John Smith Paymaster reads that Account for last Month. Paymaster.

Charges Garrison	Pags.	383 13	[. .]
Hospital Charges		210 35	[. .]
Peons and Servants Wages		508 13	[. .]
Charges General		83 28	[. .]
Charges Extraordinary		250 3	[. .]
Repairs		513 10	[. .]
New Military Barracks		2715 1	[. .]
New Bridge on the Island		683 17	[. .]
Fortifications		347 [. .]	[. .]
Poonemalee &ca. Villages		19 [. .]	[. .]
St. Thome &ca. Villages		19 [. .]	[. .]
Allowance of the Court of Request		12 [. .]	[. .]
Dead stock		17 [. .]	[. .]
Charges Cattle		66 [. .]	[. .]
Charges Diet		583 [. .]	[. .]
	Pags. ...	8703 —	—

Ballance then due to him Two thousand and seven hundred and three Pagodas, twenty four fanams and seventy seven Cash (2703–24–77) which is carried forward.

The Particulars of the Extraordinary Expences in the Paymasters Account are entered hereafter.

John Smith Military Paymaster reads that Account for last Month, Ballance then due from him Four hundred and Eighty Eight Pagodas, seventeen fanams & seventy seven Cash (488–17–77) which is carried forward. Military Paym.

Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper reads that Account for last Month, Ballance then due from him One hundred and Fifty three Pagodas thirty two fanams and thirty five Cash (153–32–35) which is carried forward. Military Storekr.

Agreed that the following Advances be made out of Cash, Vizt. Advances of Cash.

To Tellasinga Chittee &ca. Merchants on Account of the Investment, Ten thousand (10000) Pagodas. To Tellasinga Chittee &ca.

To Linga Chittee, Tellasinga Chittee &ca. Merchants on account the Investment of Fine Goods Five thousand (5000) Pagodas. To Do. for Fine Goods.

To the Paymaster Five thousand two hundred and seventy Pagodas, Nine fanams and fifty Eight Cash (5270–9–58) for Disbursements in that Employ. To the Paymaster.

To the Military Paymaster to pay the Military seven thousand (7000) Pagodas. To the Military Paymr.

To the Military Storekeeper Four hundred (400) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ. To the Military Storekr.

Pursuant to the Adjournment the 28th. Instt. to consider of Ways and Means to let the Poonemalee Farm at Outcry to the best Advantage, it is Agreed that the Secretary bid for the Company as far as Forty Eight thousand Pagodas and that no other Europeans be permitted to bid for this or any other Cowle or be accepted as security for any Renter. The Board then adjourned to the Sea Gate where the Farm of the Poonemalee Country and Jaguier being put up together in one Cowle on the same Terms as they were let last year, and Numboor Vencaty Soubiah being the highest Bidder the same was cryed down Poonemalee Cowle considered. Secry to bid for the Compy. Cowles put up to sale. Sold for 52400 Pags.

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to him at Fifty two thousand four hundred (52400) Pagodas for one Year from the 1st. July 1755 to the 30th. June 1756. The Purchaser being called upon to name his securities, desires a few days time which is granted.

Cowle for Ruby Brokerage sold for 305 Pags.

The Cowle for the Ruby Brokerage being also put up for one Year on the Terms the same was let before the loss of Madrass, is purchased by Linga Chittee for Three hundred and five Pagodas (305).

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR: WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS: BOURCHIER.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Having for a considerable Time past enjoyed but a very indifferent state of Health, which I find still growing worse, and being advised that a Change of Climate for some time will be the only effectual Means of restoring it, I humbly request your Honour &ca. Council's Permission to proceed to China on one of the Company's Ships which favour I shall gratefully acknowledge and return to my Duty by the first Conveyance that offers.

I am with the greatest Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient & most
Obliged humble Servant
CHARLES SMITH.

FORT ST: GEORGE.
30TH. JUNE 1755.

The Particulars of the Extraordinary Expences in the Paymaster's Accounts for the Month of May are as follow.

Charges Garrison	Pags.	133	35	62
Hospital Charges		9	11	42
Repairs		127	10	34
New Military Barracks		729	31	25
New Bridge on the Island		113	16	69
Poonemalee &ca. Villages		—	2	—
Household Necessaries		5	18	—
PAGODS. ...		1119	17	72

Account Sale of the Honble East India Company's Iron by Publick Outcry on the usual Conditions vizt.

The Time of Sale.	Quality of the Goods.	Lot or Quantity.	Invoice price.	Price put up at.	Price sold at.	Amount of each Lott.	To whom sold.
21st June 1755	Iron	20 Candies.		11 Pags ℔ Candy.	15 Pags. ℔ Candy.	Pagodas 300	Mr. Bourchier.
		20 do.			15 do.	300	Do.
		20 do.			15 do.	300	Do.
		20 do.			14¾ do.	295	Do.
		20 do.			15 do.	300	Do.
		20 do.			15 do.	300	Do.
		20 do.			15 do.	300	Do.
		20 do.			15 do.	300	Do.
		20 do.			15⅛ do.	302–18	Do.
		20 do.			15 do.	300	Do.
		20 do.			15⅛ do.	302–18	Do.
		20 do.			15 do.	300	Do.
		20 do.			15 do.	300	Do.
		20 do.			15 do.	300	Do.
		20 do.			15 do.	300	Do.
		20 do.			15 do.	300	Do.
		20 do.			15½ do.	310	Comerapah.
		20 do.			15½ do.	310	Mr. Drake.
		20 do.			15⅞ do.	317–18	Do.
		20 do.			16⅞ do.	337–18	Do.
		20 do.			17⅝ do.	352–18	Do.
		400 Candies.				Pags .. 6127–18	

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

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ALEXANDER WYNCH,
Storekeeper.

FORT St: GEORGE.
21st. JUNE 1755

— *FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1755* —

1 Sailed Ship Lapwing, Hugh Morgan for Bengal.

— Received by Pattamars Gen^{l}. Letter from Bombay dated 31st. May.

— This afternoon anchored in the Road the Honble Company's Ship East Court Captn. Arthur Evans from England.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

TUESDAY THE 1st.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}: GOV^{R}: PRESIDENT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEXANDER WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

Packets from England & East Court opened and read.

Captain Evans being come on shore delivers three Packets addressed to the President & Council which being opened are found to contain amongst other Papers agreeable to the Lists.

General Letter dated 31st. Janry.
D^{o}. 14th. Febry. } 1755.

Letter from the Secret Committee dated 14th. Febry. 1755 which are now read as well as the other material Papers.

Extracts to be made.

Order'd that Extract from the Gen^{l}. Letters be made and delivered to whom they concern as usual.

Order for Delivery of the Treasure &ca.

An Order is now signed to Captain Evans for the Delivery of the Treasure, Military & Stores on board the East Court consigned to this Presidency.

Numboor Vencaty Soubiah to have notice to bring his security by Monday next. In default the Cowle to be again put up.

Numboor Vencaty Soubiah who purchased the Cowle for the Poonemalee Country Yesterday at the sea Gate not having yet named his security, order'd that the Secretary give him Notice that the Board allow him untill Monday next to produce them and that in Default the Cowle will be again put up at Outcry.

Cash Account read.

The President reads the Cash Account for last Month, Ballance remaining compared with the Chest Nine thousand seven hundred & seventy nine Pagodas, Thirty three fanams & seventy four Cash (Pag^{s}. 9779–33–74) And Fifteen hundred & twenty three Madrass Pagodas twenty one fanams & thirty five Cash (1523–21–35) which is carried forward.

Treasury Accounts are read.

The Treasury Accounts are also read. The several Ballances being compared & found right are Viz^{t}. Silver Ten Chests & a quarter, containing Two thousand Nine hundred & Eighty Eight Pounds, four Ounces and ten Penny weights (℔ 2988–4–10) Gold 1 Chest containing Three thousand two hundred & seventy Eight Ounces, Eight Penny weights and fifteen Grains (3278–8–15) —Madrass Pagodas twenty thousand six hundred and seventeen (20617)—Current Pagodas Eighty thousand five hundred & sixty two, One fanam & seventy Cash (C^{t}. P^{s}. 80562–1–70) Arcot Rupees Seventy Eight thousand four hundred & twenty three, Eleven anaes, & one Pice (A.R^{s}. 78423–11–1) Madrass Rupees Three thousand two hundred & thirty five (3235) which are carried forward.

ozs. dwt. gr.

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Agreed that Ten thousand (10000) Pag^{s}. be advanced to Tellasinga Chittee &c^{a}. Merchants on Account of the Investment. And That five thousand (5000) Pagodas be advanced to Linga Chittee Servanah Chittee &c^{a}. Merchants on Account of Fine Goods to be provided by them. Advances to Tellasinga Chittee & Linga Chittee &ca. for fine Goods.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^{R}: WYNCH.
WILL^{M}: PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CH^{S}: BOURCHIER.

Fort St. George, June 1755.

The Honble United Company's Cash.

Dr.

1.	To Ballance brought from last Month's	Pagodas	31019 32 43	
21.	To the Committee of Treasury received of them		10000 — —	
23.	To the Committee of Treasury received of them, Vizt.			
	Pags.	7000 — —		
	Rups. 24000 @ 370 ...	6486 17 42		
			13486 17 42	
..	To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd. of him on his Running Account ...		1000 — —	
..	To Pitloor Vencaty Kistna & Permall Kellava Chittee Beetle & Tobacco Farmers received of them in full for one Month's Rent due on that Cowle the 1st. Ultimo Vizr.			
	In Pags. ... Pags.	200 — —		
	Fanams ...	466 24 —		
			666 24 —	
..	To Pitloor Vencaty Kistna & Permall Kellavah Chittee Farmers of the arrack and Wine License, received in full for one Month's Rent due on that Cowle the 1st. Ulto. 12000 fanams		333 12 —	
..	To Pitloor Vencaty Kistna & Permall Kellava Chittee Farmers of the Measuring Duty received of them in full for two Months Rent due on that Cowle the 1st. ultimo 6000 fans.		166 24 —	
29	To the Committee of Treasury received of them		10000 — —	
..	To George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master recd of him the Ballance of Madrass Pagodas in that Account for last Month	M.Ps.	252 — —	
	Carried forward ...		66925 2 5	

Contra. Cr.

1st.	By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him to pay the Military Vizt.			
	Pags.	4000 — —		
	1000 Rs. @ 370			
			4270 9 58	
...	By John Smith Paymaster advanced him to defray the Charges of that Employ Vizt.			
	Pags.	5000 — —		
	Fanams 54000 @ 36	1500 — —		
			6500 — —	
9	By John Smith Paymr. advanced him for Disbursements		2000 — —	
20	By Fort St. David sent thither by Peons overland		10000 — —	
21	By Fort St. David advanced Nella Chittee on Account the Investment at that Settlement.		10000 — —	
23	By John Smith Paymaster advanced him to defray the Charges of that Employ—36000 fans. ...		1000 — —	
...	By Robt. Orme Commissary advanced him to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad Vizt.			
	In Pags.	7000 — —		
	Rups. 24000 at 370	6846 17 42 [*sic*]		
			13486 17 42	
29	By Fort St. David sent thither by Peons overland		10000 — —	
...	By Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper advanced him for Disbursements in that Employ	Pags. 300		
	Fans. 3600	100		
			400 — —	
	Carried forward ...		57656 27 20	

	Brought forward ...		66925	2	5
29	To William Perceval Land Customer recd of him the Ballance of that Account for last Month Vizt.				
	Pags.	461 — —			
	In fanams ...	200 35 9			
			661	35	9
...	To Batta gained by the Exchange of Pags. 1000 into fans. @ 41¼ ℔ ...		145	30	—
	STAR OR CURT. PAGODAS ...		67732	31	14

	Brought forward ...	57656	27	20
29	By George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master paid him the Ballance of Curt. Pagodas in that Account for last Month	44	6	—
...	By Madrass Pagodas for Mint May Ballance ...	252	—	—
		57952	33	20
30	By Ballance carried to next Month's Account.	9779	33	74
	STAR OR CURT. PAGODAS ...	67732	31	14

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MADRASS PAGODAS.

Dr:				
1	To Ballance brought from last Month	1271	21	35
28	To the Honble Company's Cash for the Mint May Ballance	252	—	—
	M: Ps. ...	1523	21	35

CONTRA. Cr.

30.	By Ballance carried to next Month's Account.	1523	21	35

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

℔ GEORGE PIGOT.

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2 Sailed Ship Adventure (was the Rob Roy) John Bogle for Fort S^{t}. David.
.. D^{o}. Ship Augusta (was the Travencore) Thomas Price for Pegue.
.. Received by Tappies General Letter from Fort S^{t}. David dated 30th. June.
.. Sent by Tappies General Letter to DeveCotah dated 2^{d}. Instant.
3 Arrived Ketch Good Hope, Nathaniel Fletcher Bakewell from Cochin.
.. Sailed his Majesty's Ship Bridgwater Captn. Will^{m}. Martin for Fort S^{t}. David.
.. Arrived the Honble Company's Sloop Cuddalore, Nathaniel Hammond from Fort S^{t}. David with General Letter from the Deputy Governour & Council dated 1st. Instant.
Sailed his Majesty Sloop Kingfisher, Captn. Harrison for F^{t}. S^{t}. David.
7 Sailed Sloop George, Thomas Reason for Bandarmalanka with Sundry Stores for that Settlement & Ingeram and Five thousand Madrass Pagodas for Each of those Factories with General Letter dated 4th. Instant.
— Sailed Snow Richmond Edmund Whatmough for Bengal.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY THE 7TH. GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEXANDER WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.

Mr. William Perceval, Mr. Chas. Bourchier } *Absent being indisposed.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of the two last Consultations dated the 30th. June & 1st. Instant read and signed.

General letters read. General Letters read Viz^{t}.

From Bomba N. 98 From the President & Council of Bombay dated the 31st. of May requesting us to forward a Packet They enclose for the President & Council at Bengal & advising that the Honble Companys Ships Anson and London imported the 28th. May the former from Bengal, the Latter from Onore with Peper.

From Fort St. David. N. 99 & N. 100 from the Deputy Governour & Council at Fort S^{t}. David, The first dated the 30th. June acknowledging the Receipt of our Letters of the 18th. & 21st. June, and 31st. of May ℔ the Cuddalore Sloop which did not arrive till the 27th. That the consignments by her are landing and They hope to dispatch her to us in a day or two, That they have also received the ten thousand Pagodas sent them by Peons. That they are pleased to hear of Nella Chittee's Undertaking the Investment and will shew him all the Favour in their Power. That they shall pay the strictest Regard to our Directions concerning the Investment, both in Respect to Quality and Quantity, but that the Difficulties they have to struggle with are great. That Irshippah Chitty and Paupa Rauze have at last agreed to contract for the New Investment at the former Prices, and have given in a List of what Quantity of Each sortment they can provide against the January dispatch VIZ^{T}. LONG CLOTH Ord^{y}. 300 Bales LONG CLOTH Midling 100, D^{o}. Shially 50, D^{o}. Midling & Ord^{y}. Blue 200. D^{o}. fine 25, SALEMPORES Mid^{g}. & Ord^{y}. 150 Bales, SOOT ROMALS red 300 pieces SOOT ROMALS Blue 3000 p^{cs}. SUCCATOONS 200 pieces, BETTEELAS 40 & 50 Covids.

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500 pieces of each, of which 200 Bales are to be ready for the September Dispatch, which with what Nella Chittee may provide is all they expect and are doubtfull even of this Quantity having been often deceived. That Persheram Pillah is now the only Salem merchant and they fear it will be difficult to recover the Companys Ballance out of his Hands, for after having been deceived by him for above three Months with Assurances that he had Cloth on the Road sufficient to clear his Ballance, they at last put him under Confinement and sent a trusty Person to Salem to enquire how his affairs stood there, who reports he has not above four Ox Loads of Cloth ready and don't find he has any at the weavers, on which they desire our Directions. That their Ballance of Cash being low, they desire a large supply for Advances to their Merchants. The other Letter from Fort S^{t}. David is dated the 1st. Instant advising that they dispatch the Cuddalore sloop to us with 100 Candies of Redwood and thirty two Bales of Calicoes.

St. David to be wrote to Cash to be sent them by the Protector and Overland.

As the Protector will shortly be in Readiness to proceed to Fort S^{t}. David, Agreed that a supply of Cash be sent by that Conveyance to the Gentlemen there with such Part of their Indent for stores as can be got ready, and in the mean time that ten thousand Pagodas be sent overland by Peons and in Regard to their Investment it is Agreed to write them that tho' Irshippah Chitty and Paupa Rauze have at last agreed to undertake the new Investment it was not till after they had found we had engaged with another which ill Behaviour of theirs leaves a strong Impression on our Minds, and nothing but the punctual Performance of their Contract can efface it. That having again received heavy Complaints from England of damaged Long Cloths & Salempores we would have them take the utmost Care to prevent any such from being embaled with the Good Cloth, but that they be packed separately and sent us, distinguishing those Bales as having Holes and Damage. That we hope their confining Persheram Pillah, the Salem Merchant will have a good Effect, but as it may also be made a Pretence, that he was thereby prevented from looking after his Affairs, we would have them take a proper Opportunity to release him and insist on his giving security to clear his Ballance within a reasonable Time.

touchg. their Investment.

touching Mr. Jo. Starkes Dismissn. Mr. Call's Admission Mr. Fairfields Rank.

Agreed also, That our Honble Masters Directions be signified to them with Respect to M^{r}. John Starke's Dismission, M^{r}. Call's Admission on the Civil List, and the Rank assigned Mess^{rs}. Vansittart & Fairfield, but notwithstanding this places M^{r}. Fairfield above M^{r}. Sloper, the latter is to continue in the Possession of his present Employs.

Accot. sale of Barbary Copper.

Broad Cloth put up at Invoice Price but no Bidders appeared.

The Broad Cloth to be again put up the 25th, Inst.

The Remr. of the Barbary Copper to be sent to the Bay.

The Import Warehousekeeper lays before the Board an Account sale of Ten Candy of the Barbary Copper imported here last year ℔ Norfolk but intended for Bengal, and acquaints the Board that in Order to try the highest Price the Merch^{ts}. would give, two Lots were put up considerably under the Invoice Price and cry'd down at a small advance upon the Invoice Price but no further Offers were made He also acquaints the Board that in Pursuance of the Honble Company's Orders in the 37th. Paragraph of their General Letter dated 29th. November the Broad Cloth was at the same time put up as usual and (no offers being made) lowered to the Invoice Price, but not one Person bid even for a single Lot, Ordered that the Broad Cloth be put up again in the same Manner on Friday the 25th. Instant, And that as the Barbary Copper is not saleable here, it be sent to Bengal by the first Opportunity.

Messrs. Powney, Orme & Wynch a committee to survey Redwood & report.

The Export Warehousekeeper reports that the Redwood remaining here of a Parcel formerly provided and that received from Fort S^{t}. David is so bad and full of Holes that he thinks it unfitt to be sent to Europe Agreed that Mess^{rs}. Powney, Orme and Wynch Survey the same and report their Opinion thereon.

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A Present to be made the King of Tanjore.

The President reports from the Committee for Affairs of Country Government &c^{a}. That it is the Opinion of the Committee a Present should be made the King of Tanjore of some European Curiosity as a Mark of our Friendship, Agreed that it be referred to the said Committee to make such Present as they may think reasonable.

Soubiah requests further Time to bring Securities for the Rent of Poonemalee Country.

The President acquaints the Board that Numboor Vencaty Soubiah who purchased the Cowle for the Poonemalee Country the 30th. Instant not having yet been able to produce any responsible Persons for his securities but being in daily Expectation of the Arrival of his father from the Country requests to be indulged with some time longer.

Granted.

Agreed that he be allowed untill Monday next to produce his Securities.

Mayors Court desire an advance for Disbursem^{ts}.

Letter from the Register of the Mayors Court read as entered hereafter requesting an Advance of Three hundred Pagodas to defray the Charges of that Corporation, Order'd that the same be advanced accordingly.

Granted.

The Secry. pays in Money Accot of the rents of Chindadre Pettah.

Letter from the Secretary read as entered hereafter representing the Reasons why a Ballance of Pag^{s}. 300–26–30, ordered in Consultation the 29th. April 1754 to be paid into Cash by Jaggoo who had till then the collecting the Rents of Chindadre Pettah has not been paid in, Representing also that in Consequence of a Resolution in the above mentioned Consultation he had used his best Endeavours to collect in the outstanding Duties for the Years 1752 & 1753 but many of the Debtors being not to be found or incapable of paying, a considerable Part remain yet uncollected and may be deemed desperate. He also lays before the Board as entered hereafter an Account of what so remains due and of what he has received on acco^{t}. of 1752 and 1753 which he now pays in, as also what he has now in hand for the year 1754 after defraying the Charges of the Pagoda The Collection for that Year not being yet compleated Viz^{t}.

For 1752 & 1753 In Gold Ca fan^{s}. 25580–45 @ 36	...	Pag^{s}.	292	—	—		
			710	20	45		
						1002	20	45
A Ballance of 1754 fan^{s}. 4900	...	...	...			136	4	—
		Pag^{s}.	...			1138	24	45

Bill for Diet of Military to the Negrais to be paid.

The Storekeeper lays before the Board an Account of four hundred & seventy four Pagodas due to Captain Nathaniel Hammond of the Company's Sloop Cuddalore for dieting the Detachment of Military sent on that Vessell to the Negrais which is now ordered to be paid.

Court of Admiralty to be held 14th Instt. for the Tryal of some of the Bombay Castle's People.

Jos^{a}. du Pre appointed Register Claud Russell Provost Marshall.

The People who mutinied on board the Bombay Castle (as mentioned in Consultation the 16th. Ultimo having been kept in confinement, and as such Behaviour may be of dangerous Consequence if it be suffered to go unpunished there being, as Captn. Browne alledges, sufficient Proof to convict them of Pyracy, Agreed that a Court of Admiralty be held at the Company's House in Charles Street on Monday the 14th. Instant, And M^{r}. Josias Du Pre is now appointed Register of the said Court and ordered to prepare Articles against the Prisoners and other Matters according to Form & Order, And M^{r}. Claud Russell is appointed Provost Marshall.

Six Months Pension to be paid the Widow of the Killedar of Poonemalee.

Six Months of the Pension of one thousand Pagodas ₱ Annum payable out of the Poonemalee Jagueer to the widow & Brother of the late Killedar Hussen Cawn Cauked being due the 1st. Instant, Order'd that the same be paid.

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Order'd that the Company's Allowance of five Pagodas a day for Admiral Watson's table be paid to Mr. Morse for the Admiral for 91 Days from 1st. April to the 1st. Instant amounting to Four hundred & fifty five Pagodas (455). Allowance for Admirals Watson's Table to be paid.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in Eleven hundred Pagodas on his Running Account. Sea Customer pays in on that Account.

This being the Day appointed for letting the Farm of St. Thomè agreeable to Advertisement, the Board is adjourned to the SEA GATE.

Where being assembled, The Cowle for St. Thome & the Districts usually let therewith is publickly put up at outcry for one year on the Terms and Conditions of the last Cowle and let for Three thousand one hundred and Fifty Pagodas (3150) to Meer Dianatullah the highest Bidder, who being a stranger and his Character & Circumstances unknown is ordered to produce his securities on or before next Monday, by which time some Enquiry may be made concerning him. St. Thome Farm put up at Outcry & let to Meer Dianatullah for Pags. 3150.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWERENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR: WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.

ACCOUNT SALE OF THE HONBLE COMPANY'S BARBARY COPPER BY PUBLICK OUTCRY ON THE USUAL TERMS.

FORT ST. GEORGE 7TH. JULY 1755.

The Time of Sale.	Quality of the Goods.	Lot or Quantity.	Invoice Price.	Price put up at.	Price sold at.	Amount of Each Lot.	To whom sold.
25th. June 1755 ..	Barbary Copper ..	Candy 5	Pags. 52 15 65	Pags. 20	Pags. 54	Pags. 270	Chellumbrum Chittee.
	Do.	Do. 5	Do.	Do.	54	270	Servanah Poolah.
		½ —					
		Can. 10			Pags. ..	540	
		—					

Fort St. George 25th. June 1755.
ERRORS EXCEPTED

HENRY POWNEY
IMP. W. H. K.

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To The Honble George Pigot Esq^{r}.
Presid^{t}. & Gov^{r}. &c^{a}. Council of
FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I am directed by the Honble the Mayors Court to draw upon your Honour &c^{a}. for the sum of Three hundred (300) Pagodas to defray the necessary Charges attending that Corporation.

I am with Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obed^{t}. Servant

DANIEL MORSE,
Reg^{r}.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE,
1ST. JULY 1755.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^{r}.
Presid^{t}. & Gov^{r}. &c^{a}. Council of
FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Honour &c^{a}. Council having been pleased in Consultn. the 29th. April 1754 to order that the Receipt of the Rents of Chindadre Pettah Pagoda should be under the Direction of the Secretary I have accordingly endeavoured, as well as my other Employs would permitt, to recover what was outstanding for the years 1752 & 1753 and now beg Leave to lay before you an Account in which is expressed the sums received (amounting in the whole to no more than Pagodas two hundred and ninety two (292) and Fanams Twenty five thousand five hundred and Eighty and forty five Cash (25580–45) and those outstanding which may be looked upon as desperate, The Persons from whom they are due being either poor and incapable of paying or not to be found amounting to Pag^{s}. 382. fan^{s}. 4928–69 Cash By the Minutes of Consultation abovement^{d}. it appears that an account was then delivered in by Jaggoo (who had had the Collection of the Customs for the year 1752) whereby he stands chargeable with a Ballance of Pag^{s}. 300–26–20 which is ordered to be paid into Cash upon taking charge of this Employ I called upon him to make good that Ballance but he declared he was so far from having any that he had advanced more for the charges of the Pagoda than he had received and on enquiring I found the Account entered after Consultation the 29th. of April 1754 had been drawn by some ignorant Conicoply who has charged the total Amount of the Duties as if the whole had been collected altho' Part was still outstanding, has been since received by me and is included in the sum abovementioned. I wish I could assure your Honour &c^{a}. Council that the Account now laid before you is accurate & Just, but as these Duties are collected from a Multitude of People in small sums, and the Accounts from which they are computed being chiefly kept in the Malabar Language, the Management so far must be entirely trusted to Conicoply's whose Principles are too well known to need a Remark, & therefore I humbly hope I shall stand acquitted should any Frauds appear to be committed by them.

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The Sum of Pags. 292. Fans. 25580–45 Cash abovementioned to be collected by me is ready to be paid into Cash and should have been done sooner but for the Difficulties and Delays of Conicoplies in settling the Accounts. Part of the Duties for 1754 being also collected there now remains a small Ballance in my hands after defraying the charges of the Pagodas on account of which the sum of 4900 is also ready to be paid in The Account of 1754 shall be laid before Your Honour &ca. when the Collection of that Year's Revenues is compleated.

I am with the greatest Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedt. humble Servt.

Josa. DU PRE,
Secry.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
17TH. JULY 1755.

ACCOUNT of Fees Collected on Account of Chindadry Pettah Pagoda and of what still remains due for years 1752 & 1753.

	Sums Collected.			Sums remaining due.			Total amount of Fees collected & remaining due.		
Sea Gate Import	62	1349	72	31	137	8	93	1487	—
Sea Gate Export	—	142	40				—	142	40
Land Export	—	1573	60				—	1573	60
Choultry	—	6436	40	—	2164	24	—	8597	64
Beetle Godown	—	8451	14	—	1760	2	—	10211	16
Arrack Godown	10	4489	17				10	4489	17
Paddy Banksall	—	721	20	—	171	40	—	892	60
Coral Merchants	—	370	10				—	370	10
Brokerage	85	253	20	18	95	30	103	348	50
Washermen	4	7	20				4	7	20
Chanking People	—	58	35				—	58	35
Beaters	—	57	62				—	57	62
Painters	—	675	—				—	675	—
Company's villages	77	197	25	37	—	55	114	198	—
Sundry Mettows	—	737	10	—	587	70	—	1325	—
Poonemalee Mettows.. ..	54	27	15	45	15	—	99	42	15
Madrass Salt Pans	Poor & incapable of Paying			88	—	—	88	—	—
Boat People				12	—	—	12	—	—
Back Cooleys				20	—	—	20	—	—
Head Cooleys..				5	—	—	5	—	—
Madrass Bamboo Cooleys ..				8	—	—	8	—	—
Triplicane Bamboo Cooleys ..				50	—	—	50	—	—
Madrass Fishers				12	—	—	12	—	—
Mettow Cooping Fishers ..				20	—	—	20	—	—
Madrass Fish sellers				6	—	—	6	—	—
Mootal Pettah Fish sellers ..				20	—	—	20	—	—
Triplicane Fish sellers ..				4	—	—	4	—	—
Firewood Banksall Cooleys ..				6	—	—	6	—	—
Blue Cloth Merchants ..	—	32	65				—	32	65
Pagodas ..	292	25580	45	382	4928	69	674	30509	34

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Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort S^{t}. David dated this Day. 8

Sailed Snow Diligence (was the Muxadavad) William Ormston for Fort S^{t}. David and the Malabar Coast. 9

Sailed Ship Betsey, Edward Roach, for Bengal. 10

Received by Tappies General Letter from Fort S^{t}. David dated 7th. Inst^{t}. 10

Received by Tappies General Letter from DeveCotah dated 8th. Inst^{t}. 12

Sent by Peons General Letter to Fort S^{t}. David with ten thousand Pagodas in Gold and five hundred Pagodas in fanams. 13

Sailed snow Diederix haven, Corn. de Lange for Puliacat. 16

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

WEDNESDAY THE 16th.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}. GOV^{R}. PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.	HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.	ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.	JOHN SMITH.
Charles Bourchier.	

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 7th. Inst^{t}. read and signed.

General Letters read VIZ^{T}.

Genl. Letter read.

N. 101. from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S^{t}. David dated the 7th. Instant acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 28th. ultimo with Ten thousand Pagodas, Enclosing their monthly Accounts & Consultations and acquainting us that there is a very great scarcity of Grain in the Bounds & no Probability of their being able to purchase any wherefore they desire we will send them as much Rice and Paddy as we can spare.

From Fort St. David.

N. 102 from M^{r}. Charles Hopkins Chief of DeveCotah dated the 8th. Instant, acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 2^{d}. Instant and promising a punctual observance of the Cowle, also acquainting us that a violent Fresh for some days having laid the Country under Water has occasioned so great a scarcity that Rice is at two fanams Madrass Measure and should it continue many days longer the Place will be reduced to very great Difficulties. Advising likewise that M^{r}. Brickenden lies so ill that his Recovery is almost despaired of.

From Deve Cotah.

Agreed that the Company's Ship Prince George be loaded as expeditiously as possible with the Bengal Rice brought by the Kent and Britannia and dispatched to Fort S^{t}. David, and that the Gentlemen there be directed to supply DeveCotah with a Part.

Prince George to be sent to St. David with Rice.

Deve Cotah to be supplied with part of it.

The Rhoda and Prince of Wales being ready to receive their Dispatches, Agreed that Letters be prepared to the Supra Cargo's of those Ships acquainting them that we intended to have consigned them a Quantity of Redwood on the Company's Account but have been prevented by the Boats not arriving from the Northward on which We expected a large Parcel.

Dispatches to be prepared for the Rhoda & Prince of Wales. and Letters to the Supra Cargo's.

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Bullion to compleat the Warren's stock to be laden equally on the Rhoda and Prince of Wales.

Agreed also, that a Quantity of Bullion sufficient to compleat the Warren's stock agreeable to what the Gentlemen at Bombay write in their Letter of the 30th. April 1755 be laden in equal Proportions on the Rhoda & Prince of Wales & consigned to Messrs. Frederick Pigou, Thomas Lockwood, Richard Peisley, Francis Wood and Thomas Smith Supra Cargo's of the Warren, and that a Letter be prepared advising them thereof.

Protector to be dispatched to St. David.

Agreed that the Protector Commodore James be dispatched to Fort St. David with the Stores now on board & Twenty thousand Pagodas for the use of that Settlement and that the Commander in his sailing Instructions be directed to follow such Orders for his Dispatch from St. David as he shall receive from the Deputy Governour & Council there.

Hardwicke to be dispatched to Bengal & to touch at Vizagm.

Agreed that the Hardwicke Captn John Samson be dispatched to Bengal with seventy Chests of Rupees. That Twenty thousand Madrass Pagodas be also laden for the use of the Northern Settlements and that Captn Samson be ordered to touch at Vizagapatam to deliver the same and six Pipes of Madeira Wine.

Import Wareho.kr. reports touching the Madeira wine ℔ Hardwicke.

Letter from the Import Warehousekeeper read as entered hereafter, acquainting the Board that the Madeira Wine by the Hardwicke being landed and surveyed, the Leakage in General turned out as usual, Excepting five Pipes entirely Empty, Three of them by the Badness of the Pipes, and two by bad stowage That seven Pipes having been used in filling up the Rest, the Prime Cost turns out Forty six Pagodas, thirty fanams and sixty three Cash ℔ Pipe. He also lays before the Board an Account of the Gauge of 144 Pipes whereby it appears that altho they are invoiced at 115 Gallons ℔ Pipe the Casks are incapable of containing the full Quantity by 479 Gallons which on an Average is about 3⅓ Gallons deficient on each Pipe.

Captn. Samson to pay for 2 Pipes leaked & Deficiency in the Gauge to be represented home.

Ordered that Captn. Samson pay for the two pipes leaked out by bad stowage and the Deficiency in the Gauge be represented home & an Account sent home in the Packet.

Price of Madeira Wine this Year Settled.

Agreed that the Price of the Madeira Wine this Year be sixty Pagodas which is about twenty seven ℔ Cent on Prime Cost allowing for Leakage.

Six Months Rent of the Compy's Old Garden paid in.

Moodu Farmer of the Company's Old Garden pays in ninety Eight Pagodas (98) in full for six Months Rent of that Cowle due the 12th. June last.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR: WYNCH.
WILLM: PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS: BOURCHIER.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esq^{r}.
President & Governour &c^{a}. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Madeira Wine being landed from the Hardwicke, I have had it surveyed by the Company's Cooper, and by gauging the Pipes find no more Leakage than what is usual, excepting five Pipes, which were quite Empty, Three of which is occasioned by the Badness of the Pipes, the other two by the bad stowage on board the Ship, and for the Cost of the last two I shall demand Payment of Captn Samson. The consignment for this Presidency being put 150 Pipes it was agreed in Consultation to take 50 Pipes of those designed for Bengal. There has only 149 Pipes been landed, 45 Pipes being transported from the Hardwicke to the Protector for Fort S^{t}. David & 6 Pipes kept on board the Hardwicke to be landed at Vizagapatam. And as it has taken 7 pipes to fill up to make them in a proper condition to be delivered Each Pipe will then Cost Pag^{s}. 46–30–63. I must observe that the Pipes in General are very bad for the staves are so weak that several of them are split. Hereunto is annexed the Gauge of 144 Pipes in the Presence of Captain Samson & his second Officer whereby it appears that there are 479 Gallons deficient.

I am with due Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obed^{t}. hble Serv^{t}.
Henry Powney.
Impo.W.H. K^{r}.

Fort S^{t}. George
16th. July 1755.

Sailed Ship Orixa (was the Prince Edward) Thomas Powney for Manilha. 17

Signed General Letters to the Supra Cargos of the Rhoda, Prince of Wales and Warren, and Dispatches to Captns Mc.Namara and Peck, also Genl. Letter to Fort S^{t}. David and Dispatch to Commodore James of the Honble Company's Ship Protector. —

Sailed the Honble Company's Ship Rhoda, John Mc. Nemara. } for 18
Do. Prince of Wales, Willm. Peck. } Canton. —
Do. Protector Commodore Willm. James, for Fort S^{t}. David. —

Signed General Letters to Vizagapatam, Ingeram, Bandarmalanka, and Bengal and Dispatch to Captn. John Samson of the Hardwicke. —

Sailed the Honble Company's Ship Hardwicke Captn. John Samson for Vizagapatam & Bengal. 19th.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY THE 21st. GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVR. PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.	ALEXANDER HERON.
HENRY POWNEY.	ROBERT ORME.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.	WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.	CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 16th. Instt. read and signed.

Hospital reported. Cooleys wanting to be hired.

Mr. Charles Bourchier reports that he had visited the Hospital and found no other Cause of complaint than that as there are no less than 105 Patients at present, the usual Number of Cooleys are not sufficient to attend on them and are therefore ordered to be encreased & discharged again as Occasion may require.

Letter from Captn. Browne in relation to loading Redwood on board his Ship. Captn. Browne desires to discharge two of his people & detaining one of the Compy's Recruits.

Letter from Captain Thomas Browne of the Bombay Castle read as entered hereafter, Representing that he has received Notice to prepare for taking on board a Quantity of Redwood for China, but having already filled and stowed away his Water, Provisions Cables &cas. and taken in sand Ballast he cannot receive above 100 or 150 Candy without unstowing the Hold which will be a Detention to the Ship. That he is desirous of discharging two of his Foremast Men who have behaved in so mutinous a Manner as to give him Reason to fear they may corrupt the Rest of the Ships Company on which he desires Directions. That one Bowman a Recruit brought out on his Ship being very useful to the Surgeon whose Mate is dead, he requests Leave to continue him on board having delivered two Dutchmen in his stead.

Orders thereon.

Order'd that the Secretary acquaint Captain Browne the Board have no Intention to detain him on account of the Redwood, but that whilst he stays it is expected he take proper Measures for receiving on Board as large a Quantity as the present Condition of his ship will admitt. That the Board consent to his discharging the two mutinous Men on paying them their Wages. And in regard to the Company's Recruit the Board cannot consent to his remaining on board unless the Charges the Company have been at on his Account be paid which may amount to about £22.

Numboor Vencaty Soubiah proposes two kinds of Securities for Payment of the Poonemalee Rent.

Petition of Numboor Vencaty Soubiah Purchaser of the Cowle for the Poonemalee Country read setting forth that he has not as yet been able to procure sufficient security for Paymt. of the Rent, but proposes to name one security and deposite Five thousand Pagodas in the Company's Cash in lieu of another, or if that should not be approved he offers to deposite Eight thousand Pagodas and that the Company's shroff receive the Rents of the Country untill he can bring sufficient and approved security Being thereupon called in and asked whom he proposes for the one security as above with a Deposit of Five thousand Pagods. he names Rausum Vencatachilum Paupa Braminy and is order'd to withdraw.

His Proposals considered.

The Board having well considered the Nature of the Securities proposed are unwilling to accept of either, Paupa Braminey being a Person whose Circumstances are known to be unequal to such an Engagement, and the alternative proposed leaves the Country in some Measure still at the Risk of the Company as the Renters Circumstances are very doubtfull, however as the rejecting these securities might possibly be a check to Bidders in future, and besides, there being great Reason to imagine that should the Cowle be put up at Outcry again, it will not fetch near the present Rent (as it is beyond all doubt that it's being

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raised so much beyond Expectation was occasioned by a Party) Upon the whole it is therefore Agreed that Numboor Vencaty Soubiah be put in Possession of the Country upon depositing Eight thousand Pagodas and that the Company's Shroff be ordered to receive the Revenues untill sufficient security be given for Payment of the Rent. Resolution on Numboor Vencaty's Proposals.

Petition of Meer Dianatullah who purchased the Cowle for S^{t}. Thomé at Outcry the 7th. Instant read, Praying to be put in Possession of the Farm proposing Shamboudoss as his security for Payment of the Rent & requesting that the Cowle may be drawn out in the Name of Meerza Mahomed Caussum instead of his own. Meer Dianatullah Renter of St. Thome proposes his Security & prays to be put in Possession.

Enquiry having been made into the Character and Circumstances of Meer Dianatullah, he is found to be a Person who lately rented some Districts in the Arcot Province, but his Accounts with the Circar being unadjusted he has taken Refuge in the Company's Bounds and Application has been made by Abdul Vahab Cawn to have him delivered up. It being debated whether a Person under such Circumstances may prudently be admitted as a Renter under the Company. Upon the whole as it does not appear he has defrauded the Circar but has fled into the Company's Bounds thro fear of Oppression and offers upon a fair Adjustment of Accounts to pay whatever may appear justly due, and as the security he proposes is unexceptionable, agreed therefore that he be put in Possession of the S^{t}. Thomé Farm and that the Cowle be drawn out in the Name of Meerza Mahomet Caussum as desired. His Circumstances considered. Resolution thereon.

Order'd that the Bales & Plate Copper consigned to Bengal, but landed here last year from the Norfolk, be shipped on the East Court with as much Redwood as can be taken on board That forty Chests of Rupees be also consigned to the Gentleman at Bengal by this ship and that Captain Evans be directed to touch at Vizagapatam to land ten thousand (10,000) Madrass Pagodas for the use of the Northern settlements which are ordered to be got ready to be laden accordingly. East Court to be dispatched to Bengal & touch at Vizagapatam.

Agreed that 30 Military be also sent to Vizagapatam by the East Court to reinforce the Garrison. 30 Military to be sent to Vizagaptm by East Court.

As the Gentlemen at Fort Marlbrō in their last Advices dated 20th. Febry say they should probably have a surplus of Pepper, after compleating the Elizabeth's Tonnage, which they intended to reserve for this years shipping, and by that Means expected they should be able to take off a larger Proportion of Tonnage than usual, And as the Prince George from Europe is only to take in what Pepper they may have over and above two hundred and Fifty Tons of surplus, It is Agreed that the Gentlemen at Bengal be desired to half load a ship and dispatch her as early as possible directly to Fort Marlbrō to fill up for Europe, in case they should not be in a Condition (with the Tonnage We can take off here) to load home all the ships on this side of India, but if they should be able with what Assistance we can give to send home all the shipping without the West Coast Pepper, in such Case we think that, the most eligible Method, and desire they will immediately advise us by Pattamar. Bengal to be wrote to about sending a Ship to fill up at the West Coast.

The President lays before the Board a Letter from Lieut. Lawrence Merriman of the Artillery Requesting Leave to resign his Commission and return to Europe for the Recovery of his Health which is granted, and there being now two Vacancies one by the above Resignation, The other by the Death of Lieut^{t}. Will^{m}. Mathews, It is Agreed that the following Promotions be made Viz^{t}. Lieutt. Merriman of the Train requests Leave to resign. Granted. Promotions in the Artillery.

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Names.	Present Rank.	Promoted to the Rank of.
Benjamin Godwin ..	1st. Lieutt. of the 2d. Compy.	1st. Lieutt. of the 1st. Compy.
John Dickinson	2d. Do. 1st. Compy.	1st. do. of the 2d. Compy.
Robert Barker	2d. Do. 2d. Compy.	2d. do. of the 1st. Compy.
John Francis Paschaud..	3d. Do. 1st. Compy.	2d. do. of the 2d. Compy.
William Jennings ..	Brevet 1754 for 1st. Vacancy.	3d. do. of the 1st. Compy.
Jonathan Brooke ..	Brevet 1755 for the next vacancy after Mr. Jennings.	3d. do. of the 2d. Compy.

And a Commission is also ordered to be drawn out for Lieutt. Jennings as Adjutant of the Train of Artillery.

An additional Gratuity given the Secretary.

The Board taking into Consideration the Mention made by our Honble Masters in their Letter of the 31st. January in favour of Mr. Dupre the Secretary, and having great Reason to be confirmed in the Opinion they entertain of that Gentleman's Application in their service, at the same time being sensible of the small Advantages accruing to him from the Labour of that Employ which being greatly encreased, prevents him from attending to any private Business of his own, Agreed that his present Gratuity of Ten Pounds ℔ Annum be augmented to one hundred Pounds a Year.

30 Pags. a Month added to Mr. Call's Allowances.

The 81st. Paragraph of the Honble Company's Commands dated the 29th. November 1754 being considered in Relation to Mr. John Call whose Abilities and Application well deserve the favourable mention that is made of him and a suitable Encouragement It is thereupon Agreed that Thirty Pagodas a Month be added to what he receives on the Civil List for salary and Diet making in the whole about forty Pagodas a Month.

Mr. George Dawson to go to St. David and Mr. Abraham Browne to continue here under the Export Warehousekeeper.

Agreed that Mr. George Dawson (now under the Export Warehousekeeper) proceed to Fort St. David in the Room of Mr. John Starke lately dismissed, and that Mr. Abraham Browne who was appointed an Assistant at Fort St. David, remain here under the Export Warehousekeeper.

Wages & Impress to the Cuddalore Sloop to be paid & an Advance made the Storekeeper.

The Storekeeper lays before the Board an account of wages due to the Cuddalore Sloop to the 30th. Instant and four months Impress amounting to One thousand Nine hundred and Eight Rupees and requests an Advance of Two thousand Rupees on that Account, which is granted and the same is now paid in from the Treasury.

Paymaster to hire a House for Officers & ca.

There being at present an unusual Number of Officers and Covenant Servants at this Settlement unprovided with Apartments, Agreed that a House be rented by the Paymaster sufficient for the Purpose.

Accots. Deficiencies ℔ Rhoda Prince of Wales & Hardwicke.

The Import Warehousekeeper, Storekeeper and Military Storekeeper lay before the Board as entered hereafter the Accounts Deficiencies and short Deliverys by the Ships Rhoda Prince of Wales & Hardwicke which have been paid for by the Commanders.

Accountt. Genls. Draft for Money to be paid.

The Accountant General his Draft for Four hundred and Eight Pagodas, twenty Eight fanams and forty Cash (408–28–40) payable to Coja Oven John, Attorney for Agamanu Seera Bussy, Account the Cause Aga Manu Seera Bussy versus Seeda Shaik Mossu, being presented to the Board, is ordered to be paid.

Letter from the Mayors Court which has lain on the Table, read and answered.

Letter from the Register of the Mayor's Court read in Consultation the 28th. of April & then Ordered to lye on the Table is now again read and considered and an Answer thereto being drawn and approved are both entered hereafter.

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Headmoney ℔ Bombay Castle & East Court to be paid.

The Petitions of the Surgeons of the Bombay Castle and East Court read as entered hereafter, Praying to be allowed the usual Gratuity on the Recruits landed here from those ships, which the Military Paymaster is ordered to discharge if on Enquiry there appears no just Cause of Complaint.

Mr. Dencker's son permitted to go to England ℔ Bombay Castle.

Petition of Peter Dencker read as entered hereafter praying Permission to send his son Lewis Dencker, on the Ship Bombay Castle to England to be educated, which is granted.

Mr. Alexr. Dalrymple appointed under the Assay master to learn the Art of Assaying.

Mr. Edward Edwards the Assay Master having been indisposed for some time whereby the Business of the Mint has been much impeded, the means of preventing the great Inconvenience that would arise in Case of Mr. Edwards's Death or long Illness (which is probable as he enjoys but a very different state of Health) being considered, the Board are of opinion that it is necessary one of the Company's servants should be placed under the Assay Master to be instructed in the Art of Assaying agreeable to the Directions in the 17th. Paragraph of the Company's General Letter dated the 27th. Janry. 1747 and 12th. Paragraph of that dated 29th. March 1749 And Mr. Alexander Dalrymple (now an Assistant in the Secretary's office) is accordingly appointed to assist the Assay Master who being sent for, and acquainted with the Resolution of the Board and the Reasons thereof, declines instructing any one in the Art of Assaying. The Company's Orders above quoted are thereupon read to him, but he still persisting in his Refusal, the President represented to him how much the service required his Compliance and that he might not, by an inconsiderable Refusal hurt both that & himself, desired he would reflect on the consequences between this and the next Consultation when he would be again called before the Board.

Resolution thereon postponed & Mr. Edwards to attend next Consultn.

State of the Investment & the 22d. Para of the Genl. Letter of the 31st Janry relating to Debasements of the Manufacture Considered.

The state of the Investment, and the 22d. Parā. of the Honble Company's Commands dated 31st. January relating to the Debasement of the Manufacture being considered and the Company's Merchants as well as other Traders and Manufacturers having been previously discoursed with on the subject, it does appear from their Accounts as well as from Experience that there are various kinds of Cloth of Inferiour Qualities to those made for the Company, manufactured for Private sale in the several Places where the Company's Investment is provided which the Merchants alledge as a Reason for their bringing in Cloth so slowly, as the Weavers are more ready to Engage in Contracts for such inferiour sortments than for those of a better Quality. This Evil the Company's Merchants undertake in some Measure to remedy, provided they are not suffered to interfere with one another in the particular species of Cloth to be provided by Each of them and that the Importation of such inferiour Cloths be discountenanced, as in such Case they can take better Measures for engaging themselves & private Merchants, as a Proof of this Tellasinga Chitty &ca. Merchants offer with Sunca Ramah to provide three hundred Bales of Eight Caul Long Cloth ordinary against the Month of February and Nella Chittee &ca. Merchants will undertake to deliver the like Quantity of salempores ordinary by the same time, provided none of the other Merchants be permitted to provide these species of Goods in the Countries of Chumbauck, Madarantegum, Collyapetta, Conjeveram and Trivatore, and thō this Proposal is directly opposite to the opinion of the Honble Court of Directors have expressed in the 23d. Paragraph of the abovementioned Letter where they say a competition among the Merchants is most likely to produce the best Effects, yet as the Method prescribed for contracting by receiving Proposals from all Persons has been tried both here and at St. David & found ineffectual some other means become absolutely necessary, It may be concluded from Experience that such a Competition among the Merchants in providing the Company's Investment can never produce the desired Effect, for it is an universal Maxim in Trade that

when the Demand for any Commodity is larger than the Market can supply, the greater the Competition is among the Purchasers the higher will the Price of the Merchandize be raised, but on the other hand, indeed if the Quantity of the Commodity in the Market and the Number of Venders, be greater than the Demand and the Number of Buyers, a competition amongst the sellers will then most undoubtedly contribute greatly to keep down the Price, In applying this to the Company's Investment it will appear to Demonstration that were if possible to raise such a Competition as is recommended, amongst the Merchants in contracting for the Investment, the Effects would be that those who opposed each other (supposing them hearty in their Contract) would probably overbid one another in the Wages to artificers which in time must infallibly enhance the Price of the Merchandize and ruin the undertaker, The Demand for Cloths being much greater than the Manufacturers can supply, And the Truth of this is so apparent, that it has been found impracticable to raise such a Competition for on advertising for Proposals not a single Merchant of Credit offered any. Upon the whole the Board are of opinion that the most Effectual Means to restore the Manufacture or prevent it's further Debasement will be to limit the Provision of every particular species of Goods to particular setts of Merchants in certain Districts on the Company's Account, and discountenance as much as possible the Provision of Inferiour sortments on private Account. It is thereupon Agreed that Tellasinga Chitty &c^{a}. Merchants and Sunca Ramah &c^{a}. provide all the Company's Long Cloth Ordinary, and Nella Chitty &c^{a}. Merchants all the Salempores Ordinary in the abovementioned Districts exclusive of all other Persons.

Advance to the commissary.

Agreed that Ten thousand (10,000) Rupees be advanced the Commissary to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad.

Export Ware house accott. for May read.

Robert Orme Export Warehousekeeper reads that Account for the Month of May, Ballance due from him Three thousand five hundred and Ninety Pagodas, five fanams and seventy six Cash (3590–5–76) which is then carried forward.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEX^{R}: HERON.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^{R}: WYNCH.
WILL^{M}: PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CH^{S}: BOURCHIER.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
AT FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Having received Notice from your Export Warehouse to prepare for receiving on board a Quantity of Redwood for China, I am under a Necessity of acquainting your Honour &c^{a}. that not knowing of any Goods to be laden here for Canton I have already taken in sand Ballast, filled all my Water, put down all my Provisions, Cables &c^{a}. so that it is now impossible to taken [*sic*] in more than 100 or 150 Candy at the most without heaving out Part of the Ballast, unstowing the Hold again and Starting all the Water upon Deck, all which will be a considerable Detention to the Ship and as it grows late in the season I humbly submit the same to your consideration.

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Two of my Foremost Men by name William Simms & Daniel Dibble having behaved themselves in so mutinous a Manner as gives me some Apprehension they may corrupt the rest of my People, should I take them on board again, I am very desirous of discharging them and beg your Honour &c^{a}. Direction in this Respect.

One of the Honble Company's Recruits by Name Bowman being very usefull on board in assisting the Surgeon, I beg your Honours Permission to continue him in the Ship, the Surgeon's Mate being dead, as I have delivered into the Garrison in lieu of him two able Men many years in the Dutch Service as Serjeants &c^{a}.

I am

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient servant

THOMAS BROWNE
Import Warehouse.

FORT S^{T} : GEORGE.
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ACCOUNT OF GOODS DEFICIENT ℔ SHIPS PRINCE OF WALES & HARDWICKE.

℔ PRINCE OF WALES.

LEAD 3 Slabs ℔z	8	2	15	@ 20	4	0	..	£	8	15	7
Charges ½ ℔ Cent	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		—	—	10
								£	8	16	5
Advance 30 ℔ Cent	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		2	12	11
								£	11	9	4 @ 8 sh^{s}.
											Pag^{s}. 28 24 —

℔ HARDWICKE.

		Galls.								
MADEIRA WINE	2 Pipes or	230	@ £ 17	9	4	£	34	18	8
		℔	qr.	lbs.					
LEAD	2 Slabs Wt.	2	1	3 @ 20	4		2	6	4
							37	5	—
Charges ½ ℔ Cent on Lead						..	—	—	2
							37	5	2
Advance 30 ℔ Cent						..	11	3	7
						£	48	8	9 @ 8 sh^{s}.
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HENRY POWNEY,
Imp^{t}. Whok^{r}.

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ACCOUNT DEFICIENCY OF STORES.

℔ RHODA.

	⊕ qr.	lb.	£		
Iron Bar	2 —	19	1	12	6
Deals 13½	164 feet		1	6	9
Euffirs 3¾	105 d°.		—	10	2
	⊕ qr.	lb.			
10d. Nails	1 —	7	1	17	5
4d. d°.	1 —	23	1	17	2
Sea Coals 2 Chaldron & 17 Bushels			3	18	10
			11	2	10
Advance 30 ℔ Cent ..			3	6	10
			£ 14	9	8 @ shs. 8
				℔ Pags. 36	7 40

℔ PRINCE OF WALES.

	⊕ lb.	£		
Iron Bar	1 — 22	1	1	8
Sea Coals	25 Bushels	1	2	4
Deals 12 qt. ..	144 feet	1	3	10
Euffirs 2¼ ..	62 d°.	—	6	8
		3	14	6
Advance 30 ℔ Ct. ..		1	2	4
		£ 4	16	10 @ 8 shs.
			Pags. 12	3 60

ALEXR: WYNCH,
Storekr.

ACCOUNT OF MILITARY STORES DEFICIENT & THE SHORT DELIVERY ℔ FOLLOWING SHIPS VIZT.

℔ SHIP PRINCE OF WALES.

		£		
Ashen Spunge Staves 15 a. l. 8d. each		£ 1	5	—
Ashen Hand Spikes 8 @ 2·7		1	—	8
Flints 1083 @ 11 ℔ md.		—	12	—
		2	17	8
Advance 30 ℔ Ct. ..		—	17	4
		3	15	— @ 8 shs.
			Pags. 9	13 40

SHIP RHODA.

	sh.	d.	£		
Ashen Spunge Staves 18 @ 1 8 ea. ..			£ 1	10	—
	⊕ qr.	lb. Sh.	d.		
Round shot 24 qrs. 6 ℔ 1 1 4 @ 12 1 ℔ ⊕	—			15	6
Flints 1528 @ 11 ℔ mce.	—			16	10
Bayonet Piece 1			1	7	6
			4	9	10
Advance 30 ℔ Ct. ..			1	7	—
			£ 5	16	10 @ 8 shs.
				Pags. 14	21 60

CHS: BOURCHIER,
Mility. Storekr.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esq^R.

President & Governour &c^A. Council
of Fort S^T: George.

The Petition of Peter Dencker of Madrass

Humbly Sheweth

That Your Petitioner intending to send his son Leuis Dencker to England in the Honble Company's Ship the Bombay Castle for Education, humbly prays your Honour &c^a. will grant him a Passage in the said Ship, and your Petitioner as in Duty

Shall ever Pray.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^R.
President & Gov^R. &c^A. Council
of Fort S^T: George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

M^r. Henry Vansittart, One of the Aldermen and Judges of the Honble the Mayors Court, having desired Leave to resign his seat, the Court have granted his Request, and have ordered me to give your Honour &c^a. Notice thereof that some other Person may be elected in his stead.

I am likewise directed to acquaint Your Honour &c^a. that upon Perusal of the Records of the former Mayor's Court, it has been found to have been a Standing Practice that the Register of the Court always attended to see the usual Oaths administred by the President to every new Alderman and the Court having likewise seriously considered how reasonable it is that this Custom should be always continued, have resolved, That it shall be a Standing Rule for the future, that the Register shall always attend upon the President, with every new Alderman in Order to see him sworn in, And as his Majesty's Charter directs that in case any Person chosen an Alderman shall neglect or refuse to accept that Office and shall not within fourteen days after his Election, take the Oaths, this Court think it highly necessary that your Honour &c^a. should cause Notice to be given to them immediately when any Election is made; that in case the Person elected refuses to accept of the office, the Court may within the proper time proceed with him conformable to the Charter, and on such immediate Notice to this Court, the proper Notification will be sent to the Person elected.

Your Honour &c^a. will therefore be pleased to cause Notice to be given to this Court when any Alderman is elected.

I am with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t. humble Servant
By Order of the Mayors Court.
Dan^L: Morse,
Reg^r.

Fort S^T: George.
28^TH. April 1755.

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To Mr. Daniel Morse
Register of the Honble the Mayors Court.

Sir

Pursuant to the Directions of the Honble the President and Council, I herewith send you a Copy of Paragraphs 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 113, 114 & 115 extracted from a Letter lately received from the Honble Court of Directors of the United East India Company dated the 31st. January 1755 And also a Copy of the Petition of the Casts &ca. mentioned in the 106th. Paragraph of that Letter both which you will be pleased to lay before the Court.

The Paragraphs 111 and 114 clearly point out the Method Mr. Vansittart one of the Aldermen may take, should he be desirous of resigning his Office agreeable to your letter of the 28th. April, In answer to which Letter I am directed also to acquaint you that the Honble the President & Council are very ready at all times to put in Practice any Rules you are desirous of having Established so long as they appear to them conformable to the Intent and meaning of the Charter, They have therefore no particular Objection to your Register's attending the President with every new Alderman when he takes the Oaths or to the directing immediate Notice to be given the Court upon the Election of such Alderman; it is to the Manner only in which You ask, they object, and which they hope they shall see no Occasion to remark to you in future.

I am

Sir

Your most humble servant

Josias Du Pre,
Secry.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
and Govr. &ca. Council
of Fort St: George.

The Humble Petition of Robt. Langlands Surgeon of the Bombay Castle
Sheweth

That seventy four of the Honble Company's Recruits brought out in the Ship Bombay Castle having been landed here Your Petitioner humbly prays your Honour &ca. will be pleased to order the Payment of the usual Gratuity on that Account.

And your Petitioner shall ever Pray.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. &ca. Council
of Fort St: George.

The Humble Petition of Allen Hutton Surgeon of the East Court
Sheweth

That the Honble Company having been pleased to promise a Gratuity of ten shillings a head for their Recruits delivered in India Your Petitioner humbly prays your Honour &ca. will be pleased to order the Payment thereof for 95 Recruits landed here from the Ship East Court.

And your Petitioner shall ever Pray.

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Sent by Tappies to Fort S^{t}. David General Letter to the President & Council of Bombay dated this day to be forwarded by the Protector. 22

Sent by Tappies Gen^{l}. Letter to Fort S^{t}. David dated this day. —

Rec^{d}. by Tappies General Letter from Fort S^{t}. David dated 21st. Inst^{t}. 23

Arrived Sloop Vianen, Jacob de Ruyter from Puliacat. —

Received by Pattamars General Letter from Anjengo dated 30th. June. 24

Received by Peons General Letter from Madapollam dated 7th. Inst^{t}. —

Received by Tappies General Letter from DeveCotah dated 20th. Inst^{t}. 26

Signed General Letter to Mess^{rs}. John Misenor &c^{a}. supra Cargo's of the Bombay Castle at Canton dated this day. —

Signed Dispatch to Captn. Browne of the Bombay Castle for Canton dated this day. —

Sent by Pattamars General Letter to Bombay dated this day. —

Sailed the Honble Company's Ship Bombay Castle Tho^{s}. Browne for Canton. —

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R} : GOV^{R} : PRESIDENT.

—	—	ALEX^{R} : HERON.
HENRY POWNEY.		ROBERT ORME.
ALEX^{R} : WYNCH.		WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.		CHARLES BOURCHIER.

MONDAY THE 28th.

Colonel Lawrence absent being indisposed.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 21st. Instant, read and signed.

Genl. Letters read from Fort St. David.

General Letters read Viz^{t}.

N. 103. From the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S^{t}. David dated the 21st. Instant, acquainting us that the DeveCotah Bound Renters being called upon to pay in their Rent, have presented a Petition setting forth their Losses and sundry sums due to them and praying Redress which Petition they enclose and desire our Directions thereon. That Nella Chitty is arrived there, and has been called before the Board but declines giving an Account of the Cloth he will undertake to provide for September untill he has contracted with the Brokers which will take up sixteen days. That they have received the ten thousand Pagodas & Eighteen thousand fanams We sent them by Peons.

From Anjengo.

N. 104. From George Scott Esq^{r}. Chief &c^{a}. Factors at Anjengo dated 30th. June, Enclosing a Packet for the President & Council of Bombay which they desire us to forward immediately.

From Madapollam.

N. 105. From M^{r}. John Andrews at Madapollam dated the 7th. Inst^{t}. acquainting us that he had been in hopes of receiving the supply of Stores he indented for, and some Madrass Pagodas which it is very proper he should always have ready as Cotton is dear and many Factories investing.

From Devecotah.

N. 106. From DeveCotah dated the 20th. Instant Enclosing the Accounts for last Month and acquainting us that he expects Captn. Polier with the Nabob will arrive the 24th. Inst^{t}. at Valatory on the Banks of the Coleroon where he is preparing Boats to carry them over.

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DeveCotah Bound Renters Petition referred to Messrs. Smith & Bourchier to examine & report.

Agreed that the Petition of the DeveCotah Bound Renters mentioned in the Letter from St. David read as above be referred to Messrs. John Smith and Chas. Bourchier to enquire whether the several Charges and allegations are just & true and report the Result thereof to the Board.

Major Heron's Journal referred to the Private Committee.

Major Heron lays before the Board a Journal of his March and Transactions to the Time of his quitting the Command of the Army to Captn. Polier, which is referred to the Committee for Country and Military Affairs to examine and do therein as to them may seem reasonable.

Mr. Edwards Assay Master persists in his Refusing to instruct a Compy's Servt. in the Art of assaying.

Agreeable to Resolution of last Consultation Mr. Edward Edwards the Assay Master is called before the Board and asked whether he had well considered of, and would comply with the Order of the Board to instruct one of the Company's servants in the Art of Assaying, to which he replies that he has fully reflected thereon but still persists in an absolute Refusal to comply therewith. He is thereupon ordered to withdraw. The Board considering the Necessity that somebody should be made capable of undertaking the Mint in case of any accident to Mr. Edwards, and that his teaching that Art could not prejudice him in the least Degree in his just Emoluments, but on the contrary might be of great service, especially as he labours under so bad a state of Health in releiving him from Part of the Burthen of the Employ; the Board cannot help considering so peremptory a Refusal as a Mark of the greatest obstinacy and Disobedience, more particularly as their Resolution was founded on express Orders from the Company, It is therefore Agreed that Mr. Edwards be suspended from the Honble Company's Service and that he deliver over the charge of his Employ the last of next month together with the Company's House in which he lives and all utensils and Things belonging to the Mint unto Mr. William Perceval, who from the knowledge he already has of the Art of Assaying and the Instruction that may be gathered from the late Mr. Forcal's Papers in his Possession, some of which contain particular Directions and observations thereon, thinks he shall be able by that Time to qualify himself to undertake the Conducting that Branch, and Mr. Alexander Dalrymple is appointed his Assistant therein.

Mr. Edwards suspended the service.

Mr. Perceval to take charge of his Employ the End of next Month.

Mr. Dalrymple appointed his assistant.

A Committee of Accounts appointed.

The 83 Paragraph of the Company's General Letter dated the 31st. January 1755, directing a Committee of Accounts to be appointed, being read and considered, It is Agreed that the said Committee do consist of the President, Mr. Robert Orme and Mr. Alexander Wynch of Council And Mr. John Walsh, Mr. James Alexander, and Mr. James Bourchier under Council, And that Mr. James Bourchier be also clerk to the said Committee, And it is ordered that henceforward all the Monthly Accounts of this Settlement be compleated and delivered to the Clerk of the said Committee as soon as possible in the succeeding Month and that all the accounts of the subordinate settlements be also delivered to him as soon as received to be laid before the said Committee who are to examine the same and report to the Board any observations that may occurr thereon either with respect to Method, Overcharges, Omissions, Irregularities or other Things that may appear worthy Remark & amendment.

Mr. Eyre's Accots. Mr. Perceval desired to produce those in his Possession.

The 124th. Paragraph of the abovementioned Letter being also read and considered Mr. William Perceval Executor to the late Mr. Thomas Eyre is desired to lay before the Board such Books & Papers as are in his Possession relating to Mr. Eyre's Transactions in his Employs under the Company, that if possible an Account may be clearly stated in the Manner directed in the said Paragraph.

Report of survey of Redwood.

Agreeable to Order of Consultation the 7th. Instant Messrs. Henry Powney, Robert Orme and Alexander Wynch report that they had surveyed the Redwood therein mentioned and thinking Part of it proper to be sent to Europe

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and Part unfitt being rotten, they had directed the Good to be separated from the bad, and the Export Warehousekeeper reports that pursuant thereto forty Tons of good wood has already been picked out and laden on the Hardwicke for Bengal and that when the whole is seperated as abovementioned it will then be proper to have the same surveyed again which the aforesaid Gentlemen are directed to do and then deliver in a full Report of the whole.

To be Surveyed again.

An Order having passed in Consultation the 23d. Septr. 1754 that the Company should have the Preference of purchasing out of all Redwood brought into the Bounds such Part as might be judged fit for their Purpose, The Export Warehousekeeper reports that there is now a Parcel for sale which he beleives is fit for the Company, Part for Piles and Part for Europe, Ordered that the Export Warehousekeeper with the Assistance of Mr. Brohier the Engineer examine the same and purchase on the Company's Account such Part as they think proper.

Export Warehousekeeper reports a Parcel of Redwood for sale fit for the Compy.

The Import Warehousekeeper reports that pursuant to Order of Consultation the Company's Broad Cloth was put up at Outcry the 25th. Instant when only two Lotts were sold for one Pagoda more than the usual Advance and that no offer was made for any more, and he now lays before the Board an account sale of the said two Lotts which is Entered hereafter.

Accot. Sale of 2 Lotts of Broad Cloth delivered in.

Order'd that the Broad Cloth be again put up at Outcry on Wednesday the 27th. August next and that at the same time four hundred Candys of Copper and five hundred Candys of Lead be also put up at Outcry on the usual Terms.

Broad cloth, Copper & lead to be put up at Outcry ye. 27 Augt.

The Storekeeper lays before the Board as Entd. hereafter, an Account Sale the 21st. Ultimo of the Honble Company's Arrack received from the West Coast and reports that on gauging the casks they are found incapable of containing the Quantity at which they are invoiced by Eight hundred & twenty three Gallons which it is agreed to acquaint the Gentlemen at Fort Marlbro of in the next Advices.

Accot. Sale of West Coast arrack delivered in.

The casks short of Measure.

Fort Marlbro to be wrote to.

The Storekeeper lays before the Board an Account of Stores and Provisions wanting for the Honble Company's Sloop Cuddalore which is ordered to be complied with.

Stores &ca. wanting for the Cuddalore Sloop to be supplied.

The Storekeeper and Military Storekeeper deliver in as Entered hereafter the Accounts Deficiencies by the Bombay Castle and acquaint the Board that Captn. Browne has paid for the same.

Accot. Deficiency p Bombay Castle read.

The several Cowles for Trivitore &ca. villages Egmore &ca. villages and Perembore &ca. villages Expiring the 30th. of Augt. next Order'd that Notice in the usual form be affixed at the Sea Gate for letting those Farms by Publick Outcry at the Sea Gate on Tuesday the 19th. day of August for one year to commence the 1st. day of September next.

Trivitore, Egmore, Perembore, Cowle to be let the 19th. Augt.

The President acquaints the Board that Mr. Starke, in a private Letter acquaints him, that at least half a Lack of Rupees and a good supply of Pagodas will be shortly wanted at Fort St. David to discharge Bills from Camp.

Cash wanted at St. David.

Agreed that Ten thousand (10000) Pagodas be sent thither by Peons overland and that Fifty thousand (50000) Rupees be remitted by Bills if procurable.

10000 Pags. to be sent by Peons & 50000 A. Rs. by Bill.

George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master reads that Account for last Month, Ballance then due to the Mint One hundred and six Current Pagodas fifteen fanams & twenty Cash (106–15–20) which is now paid him and from the Mint Madrass Rupees one hundred and seventy four thousand two hundred and one

Mint Account read.

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(174201) Arcot Rupees Nine hundred and one thousand seven hundred and Eighty Three (901783) Madrass Pagodas Thirty one thousand four hundred and twenty four (31424) which is carried forward.

Sea Customer pays in Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in two thousand Pagodas (2000) on his Running Account.

Land Customer pays in. William Perceval Land Customer pays in Nine hundred and fifty two Pagodas Eleven fanams and thirty one Cash (952–11–31) for last Month's Ballance of that Account.

Rent of the Poonemalee. Country paid in. Rayal Pundat late Renter of the Poonemalee Country pays in Twelve thousand (12000) Pagodas in part of six Months Rent due on that Farm the 30th. Ultimo.

Rents paid in Vizt. Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah & Permal Kellava Chittee pay in the following Rents Vizt.

Beetle & obacco Farm. For one Months Rent of the Beetle & Tobacco Farm due the 1st. Ulto. six hundred and sixty six Pagodas twenty four fanams (Pags. 666–24).

Arrack & wine License. For one Month's Rent of the Arrack & Wine License due the 1st. ultimo Three hundred & thirty three Pagodas twelve fanams (Pags. 333–12).

Advance to Agreed that the following Advances be made out of cash vizt.

The Commissary. To the Commissary twenty thousand (20000) Rupees to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad.

Paymaster. To the Paymaster Eleven thousand (11000) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ.

Advances to Military Paymaster. To the Military Paymaster six thousand (6000) Pagodas and one thousand (1000) Rupees to pay the Military.

Military Storekeeper. To the Military Storekeeper seven hundred (700) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ.

GEORGE PIGOT.
ALEXR: HERON.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR: WYNCH.
WILLM: PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS: BOURCHIER.

ACCOUNT DEFICIENCY OF STORES ℔ SHIP BOMBAY CASTLE VIZT.

	₰.	qr.	lb.				
Iron Bar 1 pz.	8	—	27	£.	6	3	7
Cordage Europe 1 Parcel of 2 inches	1	1	10		1	14	1
Chalk	8	2	—		—	9	4
Tar 1 Barrel					1	2	0
				£.	9	9	—
Advance 30 ℔ Cent ..					2	16	8
				£.	12	5	8

@ 8 shs. ℔ Ps.
Pags. 30 25 40

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

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FORT ST: GEORGE.
25TH. JULY 1755.

ALEXR: WYNCH,
Storekr.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1755* ——

ACCOUNT OF MILITARY STORES DEFICIENT & THE SHORT DELIVERY ℔ SHIP BOMBAY CASTLE VIZ^{T}.

	Sh.	d						
Hand Spikes 5 @ 2/7 each	..	..	£.	0	12	11		
Flints 3520 @ 11 ℔ m^{ee}.	..	..		1	18	9		
	Cwt.	qr.	lbs.					
Iron Round Shott 24 p^{rs}. 6	1	1	4					
18 d^{o}. 6 pz.	—	3	24					
12 d^{o}. 3	—	1	8					
15 pz.	2	2	8					
	Sh.	d.						
at	12	1	℔ ℓ	1	11	1		
				4	2	9		
Advance 30 ℔ Cent			..	1	4	10		
			@ 8^{sh}.	5	7	7	is	
							Pag^{s}.	13 16 10

CHARLES BOURCHIER.
*Milit*y*. store*k^{r}.

FORT ST. GEORGE

Account Sale of the Honble Company's Arrack by Publick Outcry at One Months Trust.

The Time of sale.	Quality of the Goods.	Lott or Quantity.		Invoice Price.	Price put up at.	Price sold at.	Amount of each Lot.		To whom sold.
		Leagrs.		Galls.					
June 21st. 1755.	Arrack ..	3 @ 150 Galls. ℔ Leagr.		450 Pags. 40 ℔ Leaguer.	Pags. 30 ℔ Leaguer.	Pags. 45 ℔ Leagr.	Pags. 135	—	Mr. Knox.
		3		450		44½	133	18	Mr. Walsh.
		3		450		44½	133	18	Do.
		3		450		45	135	—	Mr. Smith.
		3		450		41	123	—	Mr. Walsh.
		3		450		40	120	—	Mr. Powney.
		3		450		40	120	—	Do.
		3		450		40	120	—	Do.
		3		450		40	120	—	Hendrick Smith.
		3		450		40	120	—	Mr. Wynch.
		3		450		40	120	—	Mr. Powney.
		3		450		40	120	—	Do.
		3		450		40	120	—	Do.
		3		450		40	120	—	Do.
		3		450		40	120	—	Do.
		3		450		40	120	—	George Pigot Esqr.
		3		450		40	120	—	Mr. Powney.
		3		450		40	120	—	Do.
		1·125 is		275		40	73	12	Mr. Wynch.
		55·125 is	Galls.	8375			Pags. 2293	12	

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

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ALEXR: WYNCH,
Storekr.

FORT STr: GEORGE.
21ST. JUNE 1755.

1755—28-A

Account Sale of the Honble Companys Broad Cloth by Publick Outcry on the Usual Terms.

The Time of Sale.	Quality of the Goods.	Lott or Quantity.		Invoice Price.	Price put up at.	Price sold at.	Amount of each Lot.	To whom Sold.
25th. July 1755 ..	Aurora ..	Bales 2						
	Red ..	d°. 2	6 Bales.	Pags. 500.3.60	Pags. 575		Pags. 576	Comrapah Chitty.
	Green ..	d°. 2						
	D°. ..	D°.					576	Ditto.
			12 Bales.			Pags. ..	1152	

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

HENRY POWNEY,
Impt. W.H.kr.

FORT ST: GEORGE.
25TH. JULY 1755.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1755* ——

2 Sailed sloop Vianen, Jacob de Ruyter, for Fort S^{t}. David & Negapatam.

— Received by Peons General Letter, from Ingeram dated the 11th. Ult^{o}.

3 Sailed Ketch Good hope Nathaneil Fletcher Bakewell for Bengal.

— Received by Peons General Letter from Bandarmlka dated 18th. Ult^{o}.

— Signed Gen^{l}. Letters to Vizagapatam, & Bengal to go by the East Court and Dispatch to Captn. Arthur Evans, also General Letter to Fort S^{t}. David to go by the Prince George & Dispatch to Captain Edward Burman.

4 Sailed the Honble Company's Ship East Court Captn Arthur Evans for Vizagapatam and Bengal.

5 Sailed the Honble Company's Ship Prince George Captn. Edward Burman for Fort S^{t}. David.

AT A CONSULTATION

MONDAY THE 4th.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}: GOV^{R}: PRESIDENT.

— —	ALEXANDER HERON.
HENRY POWNEY.	ROBERT ORME.
ALEX^{R}: WYNCH.	— —
JOHN SMITH.	CHARLES BOURCHIER.

COLONEL LAWRENCE, MR. PERCEVAL } *absent being indisposed.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated 28th. ult^{o}. read and signed.

Genl. Letter from Ingeram read.

General Letters read Viz^{t}.

N. 107. From Foss Westcott Esq^{r}. Resident at Ingeram dated the 11th. July acknowledging the Receipt of our Letters of the 25th. June and 4th. July with the consignments ℔ George Sloop, and acquainting us that he will use his best Endeavours to comply with the Orders touching the Investment and hopes the Liberty We have given him of providing 3000 pcs. of Fine Cloth will induce the Merchants to better the Quality and encrease the Quantity of Ordinary in which however he as yet perceives no Amendment, the dearness of Cotton being a great obstacle which has been encreased by the Dutch buying up Ten thousand (10000) Pagodas worth of Cotton Thread to be sent to Batavia where it is said they have established a Manufacture That he has been very strict as to Lengths & Breadths, That he omitted to mention the Cloth he had on hand because of the smallness of the Quantity having been obliged to refuse the greatest Part of what has been brought him on Account of the Badness of the Quality. That he is sorry to find there is but little Demand for Izzarees, but hopes what he has already provided will be accepted as it does not exceed the usual Quantity of 500 pieces. That particular Care shall be taken that no damaged Cloths be packed. That five Bales of Cloth shall be sent us agreeable to Order, and Care shall be taken that the Wrappers and Packing stuff be good. That Musters of Betteelas and each sort of Cloth of a new Fabrick shall be sent in December. That five of the Military having deserted in February, one of them returned again and says he was instigated to it by Mons^{r}. Bury Resident at Yanam. That he has received the Account sortment and shall immediately close and send us his Books. Cloth on hand L.C.O. 100 Corge L.O.M. 16 Corge 14 p^{cs}.

Co. pc.
L.C.F. 20. 9. Izz. F. 25 Corge.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1755* ——

N. 108 from Mr. John Andrews at Bandarmilka dated 18th. of July, acknowledging the Receipt of our Letters of the 25th. June and 4th. Instant, acquainting us that the Dutch making a large Investment of fine Goods is a very great Hindrance to him in his Provision of Ordinary, The Profit on the former being much greater than on the latter, the Merchants are not easily persuaded to contract for Ordinary whilst they can be employed in providing fine. That the Account of Quick Stock, Muster Roll of the Military and annual Expences of the settlement shall be sent as we direct, and our Orders touching the Investment shall be strictly observed That 3000 pieces of Fine Cloth being ordered at Ingeram and only 2000 at his Factory is a Discouragement to the Merchants which he hopes will be removed That as it has been usual to provide 500 pieces of Izzarees he has contracted for that Quantity, Part of which are already come in and if he can stop any of the rest he will : That he has sent for the Merchants and will endeavour to engage them to make a Quantity of nineteen Punjum Cloth, but he thinks not much can be provided by September, that the uncongied Cloth shall be sent in September and a Bale of every other species of Goods in January, and desires to know to what Price he may go in Long Cloths That he will be very careful that the Packing stuff be good and that no damaged Pieces be put in the Bales and assures us that he has not taken in one Piece of Cloth measuring less than 36 yards brown. That he has received the Stores & Pagodas by the George Sloop & hopes for a further supply. That he shall never omitt to mention the Cloth on hand. That he has received the Account Sortments and will now close and send us his Books Cloth on hand

Genl. Letter from Bundarmilka.

	Co.	ps.	Co.	ps.	Co.
Embaled & at the Wash L.C.O.	201.	9.	L.C.F. 48.	5.	I.Z.Z.F. 25. I.Z.Z.O. 1. 4.

Co. pcs.

Letter from the Register of the Mayor's Court read as entered hereafter acknowledging the Receipt of a Letter wrote to him the 24th. ultimo with Extracts of the General Letter from England and desiring that an Extract of the General Letter to the Court of Directors by the Durrington may be delivered to the Court.

Mayors Court desire an Extract of the Genl. Letter to England p Durrington.

Order'd that the same be sent accordingly.

Granted.

Letter from Mr. Henry Vansittart one of the Aldermen of the Mayor's Court read as enter'd hereafter, Representing that his Employs in the Company's service take up so much of his Time that it is impossible for him to give the necessary Attendance to the Business of the Mayor's Court, and therefore desires to resign his Place and office of an Alderman, and a Resignation in form under his hand and seal being now laid before the Board (as entered hereafter) the same is for the Reasons by him alledged, accepted, and his Place and office of an Alderman of the Mayors Court declared Vacant.

Mr. Vansittart desires to resign his Place as Alderman.

Granted.

Agreed that this Board on Monday next do proceed to the Election of another Alderman in the Room of Mr. Henry Vansittart.

Another alderman to be chosen on Monday next.

A Certificate from the Accountant General That that the Register of the Mayor's Court is to pay to the Governor & Council the sum of Two thousand Pagodas (2000) Account the Estate of Solomon Solomons.

Money deposited Account the Estate of Solomon Salomons.

Agreed that the Said sum be received into the Cash Chest and a Receipt is now signed for the same.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in Twelve thousand (12000) Pagodas on his running Account.

Money paid in by the Import W.H.Kr.

— *FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1755* —

Sea Customer. Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in two thousand (2000) Pagodas on his running Account.

Advance to the Commissary. Agreed that Five thousand (5000) Rupees be advanced the Commissary to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad.

GEORGE PIGOT.
ALEX^{R}: HERON.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^{R}: WYNCH.

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JOHN SMITH.
CH^{S}: BOURCHIER.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

My Employs in the Honble Company's Service take up so much of my Time that I find it impossible to give the necessary Attendance to the Business of the Mayor's Court, I therefore beg Leave to offer herewith to your Honour &c^{a}. a Resignation under my hand and seal of my Place & Office of Alderman.

I am with the greatest Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient & most
humble servant
HENRY VANSITTART.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.
4TH. AUGUST 1755.

I HENRY VANSITTART one of the Alderman of the Mayors Court at Madraspatnam for divers good Causes & Considerations me hereunto moving do by these presents resign surrender and yield up my said Place and Office of an Alderman of the said Court and all Rights, Powers and Privileges thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, unto George Pigot Esq^{r}. President and Governour of Fort S^{t}. George, and the Council thereof and to the President & Council for the Time being. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in Fort S^{t}. George the 4th. day of August in the twenty ninth year of the Reign of our sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c^{a}. and in the year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and fifty five.

HENRY VANSITTART.

WITNESS.
GEORGE STRATTON.
CLAUD RUSSELL.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1755* ——

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r^.
President & Gov^r^. &c^a^. Council
of Fort S^t^: George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am directed by the Honble Mayors Court to acquaint your Honour &c^a^. that a Letter from your Secretary of the 24^th^. Instant together with the accompanying Extracts of a General Letter from the Honble Court of Directors of the 31^st^. January last, received by the Ship East Court, and Copy of a Petition presented Anno 1735, to the then President and Council, in the Name of the Indian Natives of Madrass, has been laid before them, As they find that the Extracts abovementioned are particularly in Answer to what your Honour &c^a^. had wrote to the Court of Directors on the 9^th^. March 1754, by the Ship Durrington, and as the Matters therein mentioned are of such Import to them and to these Settlements they think it necessary to receive the fullest Information thereon, in order to form the better Judgment of the Force of the several Arguments made use of.

The said Court has therefore ordered me to desire that your Honour &c^a^. would be pleased to transmit to them Copies of all such Paragraph's of your said General Letter by the Durrington as relate thereto or to which the above mentioned Extracts are answers.

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient servant,
Daniel Morse,
Reg^r^.

Fort S^t^: George
August 2^d^. 1755.

Arrived Ship Charles, Castelan de Vernet from Pondicherry. 9

Received by Tappies, General Letter from Fort S^t^. David dated the 6^th^. Instant. 9

Sailed Ship Charles, Castelan de Vernet for Bengal. 10

Arrived Ketch Hydra de Laam, Oudree Selaam from Atcheen. —

Arrived the Honble Company's Ship Duke of Dorset, Captain Bernard Forrester from England M^r^. John Douglass Writer for this Establishment, Passenger. —

At a Consultation

Present

Sunday the 10^th^.

George Pigot Esq^r^: Gov^r^: President.
— — Henry Powney.
Robert Orme. Alex^r^: Wynch.
— — John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Absent. { Alex^r^. Heron Esq^r^.
William Perceval Esq^r^. *indisposed.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

Packets p^r^ Duke of Dorset opened.

The Packets from the Honble Court of Directors by the ship Duke of Dorset being brought on shore and opened are found to agree with the Lists of the Packets and the Gen^l^. Letters and other material Papers therein contained being compared with those received by the East Court are found to be of the same Tenour.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1755* ——

Order signed for the Delivery of Treasure &ca.

An Order is now signed to Captn. Forrester for the Delivery of the Military and Treasure on board his Ship consigned to Bengal and the Wares and Stores consigned to this Presidency.

GEORGE PIGOT.
ALEX^{R}: HERON.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^{R}: WYNCH.
— —
JOHN SMITH.
CH^{S}: BOURCHIER.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}: GOV^{R}: PRESIDENT.

MONDAY THE 11th.

ALEXANDER HERON. ALEXANDER WYNCH.
ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.
HENRY POWNEY.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

Colonel Lawrence, William Perceval } *absent being indisposed.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of the two last Consultations dated the 4th. and 10th. Instant read and signed.

Genl. Letter from St. David read.

N. 109. General Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council at Fort S^{t}. David dated the 6th. Instant read, acknowledging the Receipt of our Letters of the 17th. 22^{d}. & 29th. Ultimo with the several supplies of Rupees & Pagodas That the Protector arrived there the 3^{d}. That M^{r}. George Dawson has succeeded to the Employs lately M^{r}. John Starke's, That Lieut^{t}. Lawrence Merriman having resigned his Commission the Command of the Garrison devolved on Lieut^{t}. Wagner, That they now send us their Consultations and monthly Accounts.

10000 Pags. to be sent to St. David. Captn. Pascal to be Commandant there.

Agreed that ten thousand (10000) Pagodas be sent to Fort S^{t}. David by Peons, and that the Gentlemen there be acquainted that if Captain Pascal is sufficiently recovered from his late Illness he is to have the Command of the Garrison.

Letter from Mr. Edward Edwards desiring to be restored.

Letter from M^{r}. Edward Edwards read as entered hereafter acquainting the Board that he did not think his refusing to instruct M^{r}. Dalrymple in the Art of assaying would be construed a Disobedience of the Company's orders however he thinks it incumbent on him to make the Board an offer of continuing in the Mint till our Honble Masters Pleasure be known and is ready to instruct a Person in the Art of assaying provided the Choice of that Person be left to him and that the Board will promise it shall be no Detriment to him as long as behaves himself in his Employ with Credit.

Letter in answer to that from Mr. Edwards.

In answer to which Letter a Draught of one to be wrote by the Secretary is now approved, as entered hereafter in which some Misrepresentations in M^{r}. Edwards Letter are explain'd and concluding that when he shall satisfy the Board he is ashamed of his past conduct and will learn to know that his Superiours are not to be dictated to or bargained with in the manner he has done in his abovementioned Letter the Board will then consider his Case.

— *FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1755* —

Messrs. Robert Orme and John Brohier to whom it was referr'd to examine and purchase a Parcel of Redwood now deliver their Report that they have purchased 200 Candies of the China sort at 3¼ Pags. ℔ Candy, and 200 Candies, part for Piles & the rest for Europe at 2¾ Pags. ℔ Candy together and that what is fit for Piles is valued at 3 Pagodas and that for Europe at 2½ Pgs. ℔ Candy.

Messrs. Orme & Brohier report a Purchase they have made of Redwood for the Company.

Which the Board approve.

The Export Warehousekeeper also acquaints the Board that there is another Parcel of above five or six hundred Candy's to be sold, great Part of which he thinks very fit for the Company's use. Order'd that it be referred to the Export Warehousekeeper, and Mr. John Brohier the Engineer to survey the same, purchase what may appear fit for the Company's use and report their Proceedings to the Board.

Another parcel for sale to be surveyed and purchased as above.

Our Honble Masters in the 47th. Para. of their General Letter dated the 31st. Janry. last having directed publick notice to be given for the Encouragement of Trade and preventing oppression and unlawfull Combination, a draught of an advertisement is now laid before the Board and approved as entered hereafter Order'd that the same be Translated in the Persian, Gentou, Malabar, Armenian and Portuguese Languages and affixed at the Gates and that Copies be sent to the several subordinates with directions to publick the same in like manner.

Publick Notice to be affixed at the sea Gate for the free Liberty of Trade.

The President reports from the Committee for Affairs of Country Government that the Cowles for Covelong Mannamangalum and the Seven Magans of the Tripossore Country expired the first Instant, and that the same have been again let by the advice and consent of the Nabobs Vackeel (those Countrys being only mortgaged for payment of the Nabob's Debt for One year at the same Rents as last Year Vizt.

Seven Magans of the Tripossore Country ... ... Pags. 20000
Mannamangalum 14000
Covelong 8000

Seven Magans of the Tripossore country, Mannamangalum, Country & Covelong Countrys Let for one Year.

And the Cowles are now sign'd for the same.

The Governour's seat in the Church having been destroy'd when this settlement was in the possession of the French, and not having been since replaced order'd that a proper seat be now fitted up at the Company's Expence.

The Governours Seat in Church to be fitted up.

There being a vacancy in the Mayors Court by the Resignation of Mr. Henry Van Sittart which the Board accepted of at the last Consultation and Mr. Samuel Ardley being proposed is unanimously elected into the place of Alderman of the said Court order'd that notice thereof be given to the Mayor's Court and to Mr. Ardley.

Mr. Samuel Ardley chosen an Alderman of the Mayor's Court.

The President reads the Cash Account for last Month Ballance remaining compared with the Chest Thirty thousand six hundred and thirty two Pagodas thirty One fanams and sixty Eight Cash (30632–32–68) and One thousand seven hundred and Eighty four Madrass Pagodas twenty one fanams and thirty five Cash (1784–21–35) which is carried forward.

Cash Account for July read.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in two thousand One hundred (2100) Pagodas on his running Account.

Sea Customer pays in Money into Cash.

Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Permal Kellavah Chitty pay in the following Rents Vizt.

Rents paid in of Beetle & Tobacco Farm.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1755* ——

Six hundred and sixty six Pagodas twenty four fanams (666–24) for one Months Rent of the Beetle & Tobacco Farm due the 1st. Ulto.

Arrack & Wine License & Measuring Duty.

Three hundred and thirty three Pagodas twelve fanams (333–12. —) for one months Rent of the arrack and wine Licence due the 1st. Ulto.

One hundred and sixty six Pagodas twenty four fanams (166–24) for two Months Rent of the measuring Duty due the 1st. ulto.

Advance to the Commissary.

Agreed that twenty thousand (20000) Rupees be advanced the Commissary for the Charges of the Troops abroad.

GEORGE PIGOT.
ALEXR: HERON.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR: WYNCH.
— —
JOHN SMITH.
CHS: BOURCHIER.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

As my Honourable Masters thought proper to put that Confidence in me as to send me out their Assay Master and I have had the Honour of serving them in that station for these six years past in all which time I can safely say I have served them with due Honour and Integrity having spared no pains on my part to mentain the Credit of the Mint which is far superior to any other on the Coast, and it is with pleasure I can say the Mint was never in a more flourishing condition than at present.

It is of great concern to me that by some Unfortunate means or other I have incurr'd your Honour's Displeasure and that you have thought proper to suspend me the Service for Disobedience of the Honble Companys Orders, I must beg leave to say that I never intended it nor did I imagine the refusing to instruct Mr. Dalrymple in the Art of Assaying would be taken in that Light as the Company's Orders only Express that there should be a Covenanted Servant under me, However thō I am so unfortunate I think it a Duty incumbent on me to make you an offer of my Service as Assay Master to continue in the Mint till my Honble Master's pleasure be known, that they may not Have it to Object against me that I Left it on my own Accord and as it was never my intention to Leave the Mint without instructing a proper person if you think proper to leave the choiced [sic] of that person to myself I will immediately begin to instruct one, provided Your Honrs. &c. will promise on your part it shall not be Detrimental to me as long as I chuse to keep the employ, and behave myself in it with all due Credit, which I flatter myself I have Hitherto done.

I am
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Humble Servant,
EDWARDS EDWARDS.

FORT ST: GEORGE
AUGUST 10TH. 1755.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1755* ——

To Mr. Edward Edwards.

Sir

I am order'd by the President and Council to acquaint you they have received your Letter of the 10th. Instant had you paid a proper regard to what I wrote you by their direction the 24th. June previous to your being called before the Board you would have remember'd the Company's Orders are " That one of their Covenanted Servants be trained up under the Assay Master to learn the Art and be able to carry on the business whenever it may be requisite." These Orders were again read to you at the Council Board from the Original Letters, which surprizes them the more that You should either misinterpret them or beleive that in shewing disobedience thereto You could pass unnoticed.

The President has acquainted the Council that immediately after their Appointment of Mr. Dalrymple to be your Assistant, he sent for you and acquainted you therewith, and that notwithstanding he then with much reason thought your absolutely refusing to instruct Mr. Dalrymple was a mark of too great disobedience to be passed over, Yet unwilling to disgrace you thô. so justly meriting it, He gave you time to consider & liberty to name any other Young Gentleman in the Company's Service and promised to request of the Council to Allow of his being your Assistant instead of Mr. Dalrymple, nay more, he told you the consequences which would certainly attend a disobedience of the Company's Orders, assured you You should enjoy all the Advantages of your place in the same manner you then did so long as your conduct was upright as this Mildness towards you was of no effect, how justly do you now feel the Weight of their resentment. But being unwilling to refuse forgiveness when there is a proper sense shewn of an Error, they have directed me to Acquaint you that when you satisfy them by Letter you are ashamed of your past conduct and will learn to know that your Superiours are not to be dictated to or bargain'd with in the manner you treat them in your late Letter, They will then take your Case into Consideration.

I am

Sir

Your most humble servant

Fort St: George
the 11th. August 1755.

Jos^a. Dupre,
Secry

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &c^a. Council
of Fort St: George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

According to Your Orders received from the Secretary we now Report the Purchase We have made of Red wood for the Honble Company.

A Parcell containing about 200 Candys of China Redwood Sound and Large at 3¼ Pags. ℔ Candy.

A Parcell containing about 200 Candys of Long sticks many of them very fit for Piles, the rest for Europe at 2¾ Pags. ℔ Candy.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1755* ——

What taken for Piles will be charged at 3 Pags. the Candy and that for Europe at the usual Price of $2\frac{1}{2}$.

We submit this to your approbation and are with the Greatest Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedt. & most humble Servants

FORT ST: GEORGE
AUGUST 4TH. 1755.

ROBERT ORME.
JOHN BROHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1755.

THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH.

Dr.				Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
1st.	To Ballance brought from last Month's Account	Pags.		9779	33	74
..	To the Committee of Treasury received from them Vizt.					
	In Gold Pags. 10000	—	—			
	In Rupees 1000 @ 370 ... 270	9	58			
				10270	9	58
5.	To the Committee of Treasury received from them			20000	—	—
7.	To Pondarum &ca. Managers of Chindadri Pettah received of Josias du Pre Secretary on Account of Trees of Chindadre Pettah collected by him Vizt.					
	For the Years 1752 & 1753 in Gold ... 292	—	—			
	In fanams 25580. 45 @ 36 fans. ... 710	20	45			
	1002	20	45			
	In part for 1754 fan. 4900 @ 36 ... 136	4	—			
				1138	24	45
	To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd. of him on his running Accot.					
	In Gold 1000	—	—			
	In fanams 3600 @ 36 100	—	—			
				1100	—	—
11.	To the Committee of Treasury received from them			10000	—	—
16.	To Moodu Farmer of the Company's Old Garden received of him in full for six Months Rent of that Farm due the 12th. Ulto.			98	—	—
21.	To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd. of him on his running Accot. ...			4000	—	—
	Carried over ...			56386	32	17

PER CONTRA.

				Cr: Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
1st.	By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him to pay the Military Vizt.					
	In Gold ... 5000	—	—			
	In Rupees 1000 @ 370 ... 270	9	58			
				5270	9	58
	By John Smith Paymaster advanced him for Disbursement in that Employ Vizt.					
	In Gold ... 4000	—	—			
	In fanams 108000 @ 36 ... 3000	—	—			
				7000	—	—
5	By Tellesinga Chittee &ca. merchants advanced them on account of the Investment			10000	—	—
..	By Servana Chittee &ca. Merchants advanced them for the provision of fine Goods			5000	—	—
7	By Rents and Revenues paid in full for six Months due the 1st. Instant of a pension of Pags. 1000 ℔ Ann. settled on the widow and Brother of Hussen Cawn Cauked deceased late Killedar of Poonemalee agreable to the Nabobs Saned			500	—	—
7	By His Majestys Squadron paid the Company's Allowance of five pagodas a day for Admiral Watson Table from 1st. April to the 1st. Instant being 91 days			455	—	—
13	By Fort St. David sent thither by Peons overland Vizt.					
	In Gold ... 10000	—	—			
	In fanams 18000 @ 36 ... 500	—	—			
				10500	—	—
	Carried over ...			38725	9	58

	Brought forward ...	56386	32	17
21	To Numboor Vencata Soubiah Renter of the Poonemalee Country received of him as a deposit which is to be returned on his giving Sufficient Security for payment of the Rent of the Poonemalee Country as ₱ Consultation this day	8000	—	—
22.	To the Committee of Treasury recd. of them A Rs. 12000 @ 370 ...	3243	8	60
28	To Batta gained on the Exchange of Pags. 2000 into fanams at 40 fans. 60 Cash ₱ Pagoda, the difference between this real Exchange & nominal rate of 36 fan. ₱ Pagoda is 9500 fan. @ 36 fan. ₱ pag.	263	32	—
28.	To George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master Recd. of him the Ballance of Madrass Pagodas in that Account for last Month	261	—	—
..	To Henry Powney Sea Customer received of him on his running Acct.	2000	—	—
..	To William Perceval Land Customer recd. of him the Ballance of that account for last Month Vizt.			
	In Gold ... 710 — —			
	In fanams 8723.			
	81 @ 36 ... 242 11 31	952	11	31
..	To Royal Pundat late Renter of the Poonemalee Country recd. of him in part of six Months Rent due on that Cowle the 30th. Ulto.	12000	—	—
28	Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Permal Kellava Chittee Beetle and Tobacco Farmers received of them one Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. June last Vizt.			
	In Gold ... 200 — —			
	In fanams 16800			
	@ 36 ... 466 24 —	666	24	—
	Carried over ...	83774	0	28

	Brought forward ...	38725	9	58
13	By the Mayors Court advanced for the necessary disbursement of that Corporation	300	—	—
21	By Claud Russell Accountant General of the Mayors Court paid his Draft in favour of Coja Ovan John Attorney for Aga Manu Seera Bussy account the Cause Aga Manu Seera Bussy versus Jeeda Shaik Mossu.	408	28	40
22	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad A. Rups. 10000 @ 370	2702	25	24
..	By Alexander Wynch Storekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that Employ Rupees 2000 @ 370.	540	19	36
28	By George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master paid him the Ballance of Current Pagodas in that Account for last Month	106	15	20
..	By Madrass Pagodas for the Mint June Ballance	261	—	—
28	By Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that Employ Vizt.			
	In Gold ... 600 — —			
	In fanams 3600			
	@ 36 ... 100 — —	700	—	—
29	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad 20000 Rupees at 370.	5405	14	48
	By Fort St. David sent thither by Peons overland	10000	—	—
		59150	4	66
31	By Ballance carried to next Months Account	30632	31	68
	Carried over ...	89783	0	54

THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH.

DR:

		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
	Brought forward ...	83774	0	28
28	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Permal Kellava Chitty Farmers of the Arrack and Wine Licence received of them One Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ulto. in fans. 12000 @ 36	333	12	—
29.	To the Committee of Treasury received of them 21000 Arcot Rupees at 370.	5675	24	26
	STAR OR CURRENT PAGODAS ...	89783	—	54

CR:

℔ CONTRA.

		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
	Brought forward ...	89783	0	54
	STAR OR CURRENT PAGODAS ...	89783	—	54

MADRASS PAGODAS.

MADRASS.

DR:

		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
1st.	To Ballance brought from last Months account.	1523	21	35
28	To the Honble Companys Cash for the June Mint Ballance	261	—	—
	M. Pags. ...	1784	21	35

CR:

		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
31	By Ballance carried to next Months Account ...	1784	21	35

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WHEREAS THE HONBLE THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL being willing and desirous as much as in them lies to promote the Welfare of the Inhabitants of this Settlement, and to give All fitting encouragement to the Industrious, by establishing a free Circulation of Commerce, and securing to every Individual an equal Liberty of Trade..

DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE.

for the Information of all Persons whomsoever, residing in India under the Company's protection as well Europeans, as Natives of India, that all Such as already do Inhabit, or hereafter may Settle within the Companys Bounds, shall enjoy a full and free Liberty of Trade, subject however to the Companys known and establish'd Rules, without hindrance, Imposition, or Oppression, and to that end all Combinations, Monopolies, and Attempts, upon the Freedom of Trade, are hereby strictly forbid. And any persons who shall presume to act contrary to the intent and meaning of this Order, shall on due proof be henceforth excluded from the benefit, of the Company's protection, and otherwise dealt with as the nature of the Case may require.

SIGN'D BY ORDER of the President & Council.

JOS^{A}: DUPRE,
Sec^{ry}.

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11 Sent by Peons General Letter to Fort S^{t}. David with ten thousand Pagodas.

12 Sent by Tappies General to Fort S^{t}. David dated this day.

14 Recd. by Pattamar General Letter from Tellicherry dated 22^{d}. July.

17 Arrived Ship Adventure, John Boyle from Fort S^{t}. David & Pondicherry

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}: GOV^{R}: PRESIDENT.

MONDAY THE 18th.

— —	ALEXANDER HERON.
HENRY POWNEY.	ROBERT ORME.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.	WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.	CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation read & signed.

General Letter from Tellicherry read.

N. 110 General Letter from Tellicherry dated the 22^{d}. Ult^{o}. read desiring that We will forward to Bombay a Packet they enclose and advising that the remains of pepper in their Godowns are 2257 Candies which they expect will be greatly encreased by November.

Pattamar to be sent to Bombay.

Order'd that the Packet from Tellicherry.

Letter from Mr. Edwards desiring to be restored to his Employ of Assay Master.

Letter from M^{r}. Edward Edwards read as entered hereafter expressing his concern for his late behaviour and promising in case the Board should be so favourable as to forgive what is past and restore him to his Employ, to discharge the same with fidility and due Obedience to his Superiors, hoping that the Instruction he is to give M^{r}. Dalrymple in the Art of Assaying will not be any disadvantage to him so long as his behavior is upright.

Mr. Edwards Request granted.

M^{r}. Edwards having been suspended the Service for his disobedience of Orders, as he has now Acknowledged his fault in a suitable manner and promised a better behaviour for the future.

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Agreed that he be restored to his Employ of Assay Master and that Mr. Alexander Dalrymple be placed under him to learn the Art of Assaying.

Mr. Alexr. Dalrymple stationed under him.

The Export Warehousekeeper Acquaints the Board that two strong Chests are wanted in the Export Warehouse One for Cash the other for Books and Papers.

Cash Chests for the Export Ware H.Kr. ordered to be made.

Order'd that they be made or purchased.

The Honble Court of Directors in 88th. Paragraph of their Commands dated 31st. January 1755, having directed the payment of the sum of three thousand pagodas belonging to the Charity School Stock which was deposited in their Cash the 7th. May 1746, together with simple Interest thereon, order'd that the same be paid Accordingly.

3000 Pags. & Intt. due to the Charity School Stock to be paid.

And they having also been pleased in the 89 para. of the abovemention'd Letter to direct the payment of Peter Denckers Claim of Pags. 916–21–69 due to him on Ballance of an Account for Provisions &ca. supplyed the Military after the loss of this Settlement as appears by his Account entered after the Minutes of Consultation the 22d. April 1748. Order'd that the same be paid the Debt of Eighty Pagodas which was due from him to the Company as remarked in the 91 paragraph of the General Letter from England dated 24th. January 1753 having been discharged as appears by the Fort St. George Cash Account the 24th. June 1751.

Denckers Claim to be paid.

As the Amount of the Bill of Exchange (taken notice of in the 86 para. of the abovementioned Letter) drawn on the Honble Court of Directors the 24th. March 1753 and advised by the Chesterfield payable to Captain Hugh Pigot for value received of Thomas Saunders Esqr. on Account of Mr. George Pigot does not any where appear to have been received into Cash, the President George Pigot Esqr., and Mr. Josias du Pre' as Attorneys to Mr. Saunders now pay in the same on his Account being One hundred and thirty Pagodas fifteen fanams and two Cash (130–15–2). This mistake it is imagin'd must have arisen thro the hurry of Business on the Chesterfield departure that Bill having been granted the very day of her dispatch.

Amount of a Bill drawn on the Court of Directors ℔ Chesterfield 1753, omitted to be paid in then is now paid into Cash.

Letter from the Register of the Mayor's Court dated the 11th. Instant read Acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 6th. Instant and containing Sundry remarks and insinuations which require further consideration Order'd that the said Letter do therefore lye on the table.

Letter from the Mayors Court.

To lye on the Table.

Draft of the Accountant General of the Mayor's Court being read for the delivery of the undermention'd Effects to Robert Orme & William Perceval Esqr. Messrs. Andrew Munro & Salamon Franco Trustees to the Estate of Solomon Solomons on account the said Estate.

Draft of the Accot. Genl. Account Solomons Salomon.

N. 1 One Box contg. 21 Bundles of Wormeaten Grossesas.

... One Do. 16 D. ... Mizany.

CPFN. 1 1One Do. 7 Emralds & Another parcell of Emrald poizz together 27½ Karatts.

... One small Box contg. 20 poarles & 19 Lasks.

... 2 Bundles . . 7 workd Aprons & Handkerchief.

One handkercheif work'd with Gold & Silver.

Four Neckcloths.

Thirty one ℔ Ruffles.

One Stitch'd petticoat.

Order'd that the same be delivered Accordingly.

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Another draft of the Accountant Generals.

Another Draft from the Accountant General of the Mayor's Court being read, for the delivery of two large Pearls to Mr. Nicholas Morse Attorney for Aaron Franks of London Merchant Account the Estate of Solomon Solomons.

Order'd that the same be deliver'd Accordingly.

4000 Pags. remitted to St. David by Bill.

The President Acquaints the Board that Capt. John Brohier having four thousand Pagodas at Fort St. David has offer'd to draw for the same payable to the Deputy Governor & Council.

Agreed that his Draft be taken and the amount paid him here.

Mr. John Douglass stationed under the Accomptant.

Agreed that Mr. John Douglass, writer lately arrived from England in the Duke of Dorset be stationd under the Accountant.

Money paid in by the Import Warehouse-kr.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in Five thousand (5000) Pagodas on his running Acco[t].

Money paid in by the Sea Customer.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in one thousand (1000) Pagodas on his running Account.

Export Warehouse-keeper.

Robert Orme Export Warehousekeeper pays in Four thousand (4000) Pagodas on his running Account.

Advance to Sunca Ramah &ca. Merch[ts].

AGREED that Five thousand (5000) Pagodas be advanced Sunca Vencata Ramah &c[a]. Merchants on account of the Investment.

Mr. Samuel Ardley takes the oaths of the Office of Abderman.

Mr. Samuel Ardly elected at the last Consultation an Alderman of the Mayor's Court attending is called in, and the Oaths of aleegiance & Office are administered to him by the President.

GEORGE PIGOT.
ALEX[R]: HERON.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A[R]: WYNCH.
WILL[M]: PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CH[S]: BOURCHIER.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C[A]. COUNCIL
OF FORT S[T]: GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I have received Mr. Secretary Dupre's Letter of the 14th. Instant, and am very much concern'd at having given so much reason for Your Displeasure but as it proceeded entirely from the Advice given me by some of my friends in England and not from any intent to Disoblige on my part, I hope you will be pleased to forgive what is past and restore me again into the Service of my Masters and to my former employ which I promise to discharge with great fidelity and to conduct myself with due Obedience to my Superiours.

I trust Your Honour &c[a]. will not suffer any instructions I am to give Mr. Dalrymple in the Art of Assaying to be a disadvantage to myself so long as my behaviour is upright.

And am with great respect.
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed[t]. Humble Servant
EDWARD EDWARDS.

FORT S[T]: GEORGE.
AUGUST 18TH. 1755.

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Pursuant to Publick Notice for letting the Trivitore, Egmore and Perrambore Farms this day at the Sea Gate, the Council being then assembled the same were severally put up at Outcry for One year commencing the first of September next and cry'd down as under Viz^{t}. 19th.

Trivitore &c^{a}. Villages, to Linga Chitty at 1300 Pagodas.

Egmore &c^{a}. Villages to D^{o}. at 1250 Pagodas.

Perrembore &c^{a}. Villages to Rausum Vencatachillum Paupa Braminy at Pagodas 1206.

Arrived His Majesty's Ships Kent.	Admiral Watson Capt. Hry. Speake.	»
Cumberland	Admiral Pocock. Capt. Jn^{o}. Harrison.	From Fort St. David.
Salisbury	Thomas Knowler.	
Tyger	Thomas Latham.	
Bridgwater	William Martin.	

Received by Peons General Letter from Vizagapatam dated 28th. Ult^{o}. 20

Received by Peons General Letter from Bandarmalanka dated 5th. Inst^{t}. 21

Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort S^{t}. David dated this day. 22

Sent by Pattamar General Letter to Bombay dated this day. —

Arrived Ship Watson Andrew Ward from Bombay. 24

Sailed Brigantine Fatay Doulat, Meoron Syrang for Porto Novo. —

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}. GOV^{R}. PRESIDENT.

ALEXANDER HERON.	HENRY POWNEY.	MONDAY THE 25th.
ROBERT ORME.	ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.	
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.	JOHN SMITH.	

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 18th. Instant read and sign'd.

M^{r}. Henry Powney reports that he had Vizited the Hospital and found no Just Cause of Complaint. Hospital reported.

General Letters read Viz^{t}.

N^{o}. 111 From Charles Boddam Esq^{r}. Chief &c^{a}. Council at Vizagapatam dated the 28th. Ult^{o}. acknowledging the Receit of our Letters of the 25th. June, and that ℔ Hardwicke which Ship fell about three Leagues to Leiward of the Port, and after landing the Treasure & Madeira Wine sailed the 25th. That they hope to Answer our Expectations in what supplies of money we may send them, That they have sent our Packets to Ingeram and Bandamorelanka That they should have been glad of a large supply of Madeira Wine, Six pipes being a small proportion for that Settlement. That they shall strictly observe our Directions with respect to the Investment and Endeavour to renew the Fabrick of Salempores at the Weaving Towns, and they hope the Liberty we have given them to increase the fine Cloth will be an Encouragement in the provision of Ordinary Goods, that they are particularly carefull of the lengths and Breadths and hope in general to remedy the defects complain'd of at home, that they had contracted for a larger quantity of Izzarus than we have directed, before the receit of Our Letter and hope we shall not object to taking the whole being about ten Bales. That the Military we design sending will be very Acceptable Genl. Letters read from Vizagapatam.

as they have suffer'd lately by desertion, and some having been taken are now under confinement to be sent to us. That they shall now proceed on the new Wall and think the Repairs at Uppara will not exceed their Estimate, That they shall Credit this Presidency for the Arms mention'd in the Invoice of 26th. July. Enclosing Indents and Monthly papers. Cloth on hand Long Cloth Ordry. 604cor. 13ps.—Long Cloth fine 83cor. 11ps. Salempores Ordy. 12cor. 4ps. – Do. fine 5cor. Izzarus Supr. fine 100cor.

From Bandarmlka.

No. 112 From Mr. John Andrews at Bandamorelanka dated the 5th. Instant Acknowledging the receipt of Our Letter by the Hardwicke enclosing the Monthly Accounts and one Sett of the Books of that Settlement and remarking two mistakes in them which are now rectified in this Months Account—Cloth on hand Embaled 96 Bales L.C.O.W. 208 Cor. L.C.O. H.W. 55 Cor. ps. 2. L.C.O.B. 4 Cor. ps. 10. L.C.F.W. 28 Cor.—L.C.F.H. W. 6 Cor. Izz F. 25 Cor. Izz O. 2 Cor. ps. 5.

Vizagapatam Indents to be complied with.

Order'd That the Vizagapatam Indents be complied with.

A Report of Redwood purchased by Messrs. Orme & Brohier.

A Report from Messrs. Robert Orme and John Brohier read as entered hereafter that agreeable to order they had surveyed a parcell of Redwood and found about 80 Candy fit for the Company which they had therefore purchased at 2½ pags. ℔ Candy.

Approved.

Which the Board Approve.

Accott. of Military Stores to be wrote off to Profit & Loss for the year ending the 30th April last.

The Military Storekeeper delivers in his Account of Sundrys under his Charge lost, broken, wasted by Rust &ca. for the year ending 30th. April last Amounting to Eleven hundred & fifty one pagodas One fanam and thirty Cash (1151–1–30) this Account having been omitted to be laid before the Board till now that a perfect Survey might be made of the Gun Carriages which has been done by the President & Colol. Lawrence and 94 of them being Condem'd as unfit for service swells the Account to so considerable a sum Order'd that the Amount be wrote off to Profit & Loss and that the Iron work of the Old Carriage be deliver'd to the Engineer to be employ'd in making new ones.

2000 Mads. Pags. to be purchased.

As Fifteen thousand Madrass Pagodas will be shortly wanted for the Northern Settlements and there are about thirteen thousand in the Mint Treasury, and Cash Chest, Order'd that two thousand more be purchased.

Report from the Committee of Accounts on the Monthly Accounts for June.

A Report from the Committee of Accounts dated the 25th. Instant read as enter'd hereafter containing their remarks on the Accounts of the several Employs at this Settlements Vizt.

1st. Export Warehouse.

Orders thereon.

The Committee being of Opinion that as the Goods for Packing and Sale cause a perplexity in the Accounts and little or nothing is got by retailing them it would be proper to forbid the Sale of them. The Board are of Opinion that it would be for the Companys Advantage not to be burthen'd with Articles of this kind at all, but to Contract for Packing their Bales, and a Calculation being made of the present Charge the Company are at in the package it is proposed to the Export Warehousekeeper to undertake this Branch which he accepts on the following terms Vizt.

That he take for his own Account all the packg. Stuff remaing. in the Godown at prime Cost.

That he purchase Annually as much of the Companys torn Cloth at prime Cost as will suffice for Wrappers and Wax Cloth for all their Bales packed here.

That he be allowed two Pagodas each Bale which is the usual Charge in full for Gunnie Wrappers Wax Cloth & Other materials.

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In regard to the Oil remaining in the Godown. Order'd that it be deliver'd to the Paymaster for the use of the Garrison.

Order'd That a daily Account of Cooley be kept as recommended.

2d. Storekeeper.

Order'd That a daily account of Cooley be kept as recommended.

3d. Military Paymaster.

Order'd that the Military be paid as recommended.

4th. Paymaster.

Order'd that the Captains of the Military defray the whole charge of burying the Men who dye out of their respective Companys.

Order'd that the Charge of Col[l]. Bagshaws Palankeen be no longer defrayed by the Company.

5. Engineers Accounts.

The Method Approved.

6th. The Sea Customer.

Order'd that the Usual Method of Conducting this Employ be continued. That the Monthly Ballances of his Accounts be explained as recommended.

7th. Land Customer.

The Method Approv'd.

8th. Import Warehouse.

Order'd that the several Entrys be made for Outcry as recommended.

9th. Military Storekeeper.

Order'd that a Diary of disbursements be kept as recommended.

The Several Accounts for the Month of June on which the foregoing report is made are now read and passed viz[t].

Monthly Accots. for June passed Import Warehouse.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper his Account Ballance then due from him & carried forward thirty one thousand five hundred and forty six Pagodas twelve fanams and two Cash (31546–12–2).

Sea Customer.

Henry Powney Sea Customer his Account Ballance then due from him and carried forward Fourteen thousand three hundred and ninety nine Pagodas Eleven fanams and Seventy Seven Cash (14399–11–77).

Export Warehouse.

Robert Orme Export Warehousekeeper his Account Ballance then due from him and carried forward three thousand Eight hundred and thirty nine Pagodas Eleven fanams & Seventy Seven Cash (3839–11–77).

Storehouse.

Alexander Wynch Storekeeper his Account Ballance then due from him and carried forward five thousand Eight hundred and twenty Eight Pagodas twenty two fanams and fifty one Cash (5828–22–51).

Land Customer.

William Perceval Land Customer his Account Ballance then due from him and carried forward nine hundred and fifty two Pagodas Eleven fanams and thirty one Cash (952–11–31).

Paymaster.

John Smith Paymaster his Account Ballance then due to him and carried forward two thousand three hundred and thirty Eighty pagodas twenty five fanams and twenty four Cash (2338–25–24).

Military Paymaster.

John Smith Military Paymaster his Account Ballance then due to him and carried forward One thousand One hundred and ninety three Pagodas Seven fanams and Sixty Seven Cash (1193–7–67).

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Military Storekeeper. Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper his Account Ballance then due from him and carried forward Seventy two Pagodas and Eight fanams (72–8– –).

Money paid in by Import Warehouse-kr. Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in Four thousand (4000) Pagodas on his running Acco^{t}.

The Sea Customer. Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in One thousand (1000) Pagodas on his running Account.

Storekeepər. Alexander Wynch Storekeeper pays in nine thousand three hundred and fifty six Pagodas twenty one fanams and fifty five Cash (9356–21–55) in full for the Ballance of that Account for last Month.

& Land Customer. William Perceval Land Customer pays in three hundred and ninety six Pagodas twenty three fanams and sixty nine Cash (396–23–69) in full for the Ballance of that Account for last Month.

Rents paid in Viz^{t}. Banksall Duty. Mootiah Farmer of the Banksal Duty pays in Two hundred (200) Pagodas in full for six months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. June last.

Paddy Fields & Salt Pans. Poombavay Vellapah Farmer of the Paddy Fields & Salt pans pays in two hundred and fifty one (251) pagodas in full for six months Rent of that Farm due the 30th. June last.

& St. Thome. Linga Chitty and Subramoney Moodelair Farmers of S^{t}. Thome pay in Two thousand (2000) Pagodas for six Months Rent of that Farm due the 30th. June last at which time the Cowle expired.

Agreed that the following Advances be made out of Cash Viz^{t}.

To Export Warehokr. To the Export Warehousekeeper One thousand (1000) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ.

The Commissary. To the Commissary Fifteen thousand (15000) Rupees to defray the charges of the Troops abroad.

The Paymaster. To the Paymaster ten thousand five hundred (10500) Pagodas for disbursements on that Employ.

The Military Paymr. To the Military Paymaster seven thousand (7000) Pagodas to pay the Military &c^{a}.

The Milit^{y}. Storekeeper. & To the Military storekeeper six hundred (600) Pagodas for the charges of that Employ.

To Gundaveddy Vencaty Rama & Nella Chitty. To Gundavedy Vencata Ramah and Nella Chitty Ten thousand (1000) Pagodas on Account of the Investment.

GEORGE PIGOT.
ALEX^{R}: HERON.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^{R}: WYNCH.
WILL^{M}: PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CH^{S}: BOURCHIER.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Conformable to your Orders, We are to Acquaint you, that we have in Several Sittings inspected the Accounts of this Settlement for the Month of June, of which We now present you with our Report under the respective Offices.

1st. The Export Warehouse.

The Calculations, Additions and Statements of the Journal Parcels have been examined and are found right.

We observe that the Goods for Packing and Sale cause a Head of intricate Accounts, at the same time that the Sale of them by retail yield little or no Profit to the Company. We submit to Your Honour &ca. whether it is not proper, that no Goods for Packing and Sale be henceforth sold out by retail, which will prevent these perplexities.

There Appears by the Warehouse Books, a quantity of Oil belonging to the Company which was intended for the West Coast, but on Account of the badness of the package refused by the Commander. This Oil is subject to much waste, & to the Charge of Godown rent. If it is not soon sent to the West Coast, it will be a saving to the Company to sell it, as what little is expended in the Warehouse for the Packing Screws, can at any time be bought by retail.

We do not find any daily Account of Coolies employ'd in the Warehouse, it is true this Disbursement Amounts to no great matter, but we think it proper that a daily Account be kept.

The Warehouse Ballance for the Month of June is the sum of Pagodas 3839. That Ballance on examination does not appear in the Warehousekeepers hands, but mostly in Notes outstanding.

2d. The Storekeeper.

The Storekeepers Accounts have been examined, and the Calculations, Additions & Statements are found right.

The Method of keeping these Books appear sufficiently explicit, but we think that in this Office likewise a Daily Account should be kept of Coolies employ'd, as well as of all other Disbursements.

The Balance in the Storekeeper's hands for the Month of June is Pags. 5800 of which near 3000 Pags. is a Ballance due from the Paymaster, the rest is reserved for the Expences of the Company's Vessels.

3d. The Military Paymaster.

The Calculations and Additions of these Accounts have been examined and are found right.

The Military Paymaster we find has Vouchers from the Rolls, of the Money he disburses in payment to the Soldiers.

We observe that many Men not actually resident in Madrass, are paid by the Military Paymaster here some of the Captains drawing for their whole Companys be they where they will. This Method is very liable to produce confusion to say no more, We therefore take the liberty to recommend that the Men of every Company be paid on the Spots where they shall be doing Service, and no where else.

4th. Paymaster.

The Calculations & Additions of these Accounts have been examined & found right.

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There is a daily Account of the Batta paid to Hircaras, Peons & Messengers attending on Duty in the Place, or dispatched from it, & this Account is daily deliver'd to the President.

The Amount of Oil expended in the Garrison is Pag^{s}. 53–24–72 of which an account was produced to Us. The Monthly charge of Oil, for the Garrison &c^{a}. Buildings belonging to the Hoñble Company, is doubtless a large expence amounting to Pag^{s}. 79. – – We do not see how this expence can be retrench'd, but by recommending to the Paymaster that it be purchased at the Cheapest rate, as the price varies.

The expence of Water is likewise very large, all the Water fit to drink being brought from Wells at a great distance from the Town. On a Calculation of the Number of Men in our Garrison, Hospital & Out Posts, all which are serv'd with it, We don't find how this expence can be retrenched, without the subjecting the soldiers to the inconvenience of being frequently in want of it.

We observe that the Hoñble Company are at a charge for Burying the Military, We Apprehend this expence should be defray'd by the Captains.

The Hospital expences amounting to Pag^{s}. 224–9–56 appear to us very large, but find the Paymaster has Vouchers for the full of the Disbursement.

We observe 4 Pagodas a Month charged for the hire of Colonel Bagshaw's Palankeen, and do not find by looking over the Fort S^{t}. David Accounts, that any other of his Majesty's Officers are allowd one, except Colonel Adlercron Commander in Chief.

5th. The Engineer's Accounts.

The Calculations & Additions of these Accounts have been examin'd and are found right.

We observe on the examination of these Acco^{ts}. that there are proper Checks on the expence of every Article of the Materials, as well as on the pay of all kinds of workmen and Coolies.

6th. The Sea Customer.

The Calculations and Additions of these Accounts have been examin'd & are found right.

The Receipts of this Account are not exactly for the Goods imported that Month, many are for Goods imported in preceeding ones. The usual Lenity of this Port having always permitted responsible Merchants to carry away their Goods, and to Allow them some time for the payment of the Customs, from which this Port has obtain'd no small degree of Reputation. We therefore submit to Your Honour &c^{t}. whether any Stricter method than the present should be put in force. The number of Servants charged in this Account, we find are necessary to Prevent frauds, as the Boats are by the Current, often obliged to land at a considerable distance from the Gate.

The Customer's reasons for the large Ballance of his Account for the Month of June Pag^{s}. 14379–11–78 is that the whole of that Money was not collected within the Month. We think therefore that it would be proper he should express in his Ballance the Monies he actually has in hand, and the List of what is outstanding.

7th. The Land Customer.

The Calculations and Additions in this Account examin'd & are found right.

We have nothing to object to the present method of carrying on this Office, as Servants are Station'd at all the inlets of the black & white Town, from whence the Goods are immediately brought into the Land Customer's room where the Land Customer or his Deputy prize them to the best of their Judgement.

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8th. The Import Warehouse.

The Calculations and Additions have been examin'd and are found right.

We must observe in regard to the Import Warehouse Accounts, that on the face of the Entries there is no Appearance of an Outcry made, which has of late been the Orders of our Honble Masters. It therefore appears to us necessary that these Outcry Accounts be methodized as follows.

When an Outcry is made, Enter.

Accot. Outcry Dr. to Sundry Accounts.

These Accounts are the amount of every particular kind of Goods sold at that Outcry.

Then Enter

Sundry Accounts Dr. to Accot. Outcry.

These Sundry Accounts, are the Purchasers at Outcry for the Amount of Goods each has respectively bought. Every one of these Names must have Account Outcry annex'd to it.

When Goods are clear'd Say

Cash Dr. to Sundry Accounts.

This is the Persons Account Outcry, for what they clear out—If the Goods clear'd in any particular Month, are within the Discount time, at the end of such Month, an Entry must be made of.

Discount Dr. to Sundry Accounts.

To the Person's Account Outcry, for the respective Discount they are entitled to.

The Account of Discount will be clear'd in the General Books, by Profit and Loss.

The Charges Merchandize this Month appears very reasonable but the Ballance large Pags. 31546–12–2 upon enquiry, the Import Warehousekeeper informs us that he has paid part of it in the Treasury.

9th. The Military Storekeeper.

The Calculation, Additions & Statements of these Accounts examin'd and are found right.

The Method of keeping these Books are sufficiently explicit, but we recommend that a strict Diary be kept of the many minute Disbursements in this Office.

10th. The Mint Account.

We observe on this Account, that the Charges Merchandize run high, which is owing to an extraordinary large coinage this Month.

Having now gone through all the Home Accounts of this Settlement, we think proper to include them in a separate Report, as we shall those of the Subordinate Factories in another, and the Country Disbursements in a third.

We have the honour to be with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. humble servants

George Pigot.
Robert Orme.
Alexr: Wynch.
,,.....,,.....,,
Jas: Alexander.
Jas: Bourchier.

Fort St. George,
25th. August 1755.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St: George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

According to your Orders We have surveyd the Redwood fit for Europe lately Imported.

We find a Parcell of about 800 Candy sound and better than usually bought for that service which we have agreed for at 2½ ℔ Candy and submitting this to your Approbation.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient & most humble servant

Robert Orme.
John Brohier.

Fort St: George.
the 25th. August 1755.

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. Profit & Loss Dr. to Sundry Accounts Pagodas 1151–1–30 for the following Military Stores Lost, Broken, Wasted by Rust &ca. this year Vizt.

Gunners Stores						
Copper Funnel	1	—	14	20		
Powder Horns	11	3	2	—		
					3	16 20
Gunners Utensils						
Primming Irons	21	—	13	10		
Steel Bills	60	2	3	—		
					2	16 10
Necessaries for Armoury						
Files	59	7	2	—		
Hand Vices	3	1	4	40		
					8	6 40
General Stores						
Gun carriages 94. Iron work of which deliver'd John Brohier Ingineer for the use of the New Carriages	1121	3	70			
Camp Kettle	1	2	9	—		
Hand Spikes	26	3	9	—		
Lead Aprons	34	9	16	—		
Leather Bucket Europe	1	—	32	50		
					1136	34 40
Pagodas ...					1151	1 30

Errors Excepted.

℔ Charles Bourchier,
Military Storekr.

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Sent General Letter to Bengal dated this day. 26
Received by Peons General Letter from Ingeram dated 8th. Instant. ..
Arrived Ship Sally John Durand from Nagore. 27
Ditto Sloop Dolphin from Do. ..
Received by Tappies General Letter from DeveCotah dated 24th. Augst. 28
Arrived Ship Ganges, John Gould from Bussorah. ..
Received by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 27th. Augst. 29
Sailed Snow Rebecca, formerly the Benjamin, Levy Barles for Bengal. 30
Arrived the Honble Company's Ship Prince George Edward Burman from Fort St. David. 31

At a Consultation

Present

MONDAY THE 1ST. SEPTR.

George Pigot Esqr: Govr: President.
Stringer Lawrence. Henry Powney.
Robert Orme. Alexander Wynch.
William Perceval. John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Col. Heron *Indisposed. Absent.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 25th. ultimo read and signed.

General Letters read Vizt.

Genl. Letter from Ingeram read.

No. 113 From Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram Acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 19th. and requesting a further supply of ten thousand Pagodas more which he thinks will be sufficient for the use of that Settlement complaining that Mr. Bury the French Resident at Yanam had stopt a parcell of Coir belonging to him and insisted on being paid certain Duties thereon which he (WestCott) refused as there is a Clause in the Cowle granted to the Company by Timmerause which exempts all Merchants Servants & others belonging to the Company from paying any Duty, he therefore desires our directions enclosing his monthly papers and Books ending April 1755 Cloth on
Cor. Ps. Cor.
hand L.C.O. 159. 17. Do. M. 21. 2. Do. F. 29. 17. Izz. F. 25.

From Deve-Cotah.

No. 114 From Mr. Charles Hopkins at DeveCotah dated the 24th. August, enclosing the monthly papers for July and an Account of Provisions brought into the Bounds and the Duty thereon for the month of July. That the Lodgings for the Military Officers & Mr. Brickenden are so very bad as scarcely to afford shelter and therefore he desires permission to repair them the cost of
Pa. Fa.
which he estimates at 217–29, he also encloses an Estimate of the Charge of making Embrassures Amounting to Pags. 320–33–40, the Bastions being destitute of Shelter, and he likewise represents that the Gun Carriages are so bad as hardly to be capable of being repaired and some Guns lye dismounted without any Carriages.

From Fort St. David.

No. 115 and No. 116 From the Deputy Govr. and Council at Fort St. David, the first dated the 27th. ulto. Acknowledging the receit of Our Letters of the 3d. 12th. & 22d. Augt. and advising that the Prince George Arrived there the 8th. and will be dispatch'd back in a day or two with Redwood. That the Protector sailed for Bombay the 16th. That the Dragon Sloop is compleately repaired and they have dispatched her to DeveCotah with 250 Baggs of Rice and when

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she comes back they propose returning her thither with more. That Mr. Call was employ'd by Mr. Robins in the Companys Service from the day of his Arrival but received pay only from the 1st. Janry. 1751. That there being a great scarcity of Copper Cash they desire we will supply them. That there being 20 Corge of Wrappers in the Godown more than they want this year for Packing they desire our directions for selling the same at Outcry, the other is dated 29th. August and encloses Invoice & Bill of Lading of 113 Candys of Redwood laden on the Prince George and Advising that there is a deficiency of 1402 lb of Rice on what consign'd them by that ship.

Answer to Mr. Westcott at Ingeram.

Agreed to write Mr. Westcott in Answer to his foregoing Letter, that if the Clause he mentions in the Cowle granted to the Company exempts all their Servants and Merchants from Dutys We approve of his refusing to pay them to Monsiur Bury, but his refusal would have been better grounded on that Cowle than on the Treaty which is not meant to exempt private Merchandize from paying the Customary Duties in the districts subject to the Country Government in all such Cases he must therefore abide by the Terms of his Cowle.

Answer to Mr. Hopkins at Deve Cotah.

Agreed to write to Mr. Charles Hopkins at DeveCotah in Answer to his foregoing Letter that we do not consent to his making the repairs he mentions and in regard to the Embrassures that we are of opinion sand Bags may be full as usefull if not better.

Answer to Fort St. David.

Agreed to write to Fort St. David That we shall supply them with Copper Cash after the Treasure received this year from Europe is Coin'd. That we approve of selling the 20 Corge of Wrappers at Outcry and that they are to observe as a Rule that all the torn Cloth which may remain after packing their Bales be annually sold in like manner previously advising us thereof.

The Cuddalore Sloop to be dispatched to the Negrais and call at Vizagapatam. Treasure & Stores to be sent on her.

Agreed that the Cuddalore Sloop be dispatched to the Negrais and call at Vizagapatam to deliver Sundry Stores and Fifteen thousand Madrass Pagodas of which ten are for the use of Madapollam and five for Ingeram, That thirty thousand Rupees be also laden on her and Consign'd to Mr. Henry Brooke Chief at the Negrais for the Expences of that Settlement, with such part of the Stores Indented for as can be now complied with.

Denham to be returned from Negrais to Bengal and her place to be supplied from hence by the Prince George.

As it is probable that all the Ships on this Side of India may be dispatchd home this season which will be of a greater advantage to the Company than detaining one for the protection of the Negrais Agreed that Mr. Brooke he (be?) directed on the Arrival of the Cuddalore Sloop there to return the Denham to Bengal and that the Companys Ship Prince George be sent from hence before the setting in of the N.E. Monsoon to supply the place of the Denham.

Bengal to be wrote to Vizt. To send a ship to fill up at Fort Marlbro and one Ship empty or Two half laden in Janry to fill up here.

Agreed to write to the Gentlemen at Bengal that as We judge by the last advices we received from the West Coast there will be at least 250 Tons of Surpluss pepper we desire they will half load and dispatch a Ship thither as early in December as possible in order to fill up and proceed to Europe. That upon the present prospect of our Investment we are in expectation of Bales enough for half a Ships loading in September and a whole Ships Tonnage by February, that we therefore desire they will send us up a Ship in January to be fully loaded here or (if it should better suit with their Convenience) a Ship half loaded early in January and another half loaded early in February.

Copper & Treasure to be sent to the Bay by Duke of Dorset. And Redwood by a Country Ship.

Agreed that the Copper remaining of the Norfolk's Cargo with twenty five Chests of Rupees be sent to Bengal on the Duke of Dorset and that the remainder of the Redwood Indented for be freighted down on the Watson a Country Ship on the usual terms the Copper above mention'd being as much as the Duke of Dorset can take in.

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A Bill being now laid before the Board for one Silver Cruet Stand, twelve Spoons, & Eight Tea Spoons & Strainer remaining at the Negrais belonging to the late Mr. Hunter which Mr. Brooke requests may be purchased as necessary plate for the use of that Settlement whole weighing Oz. Dw. 96. 15 and Amounting to eighty Pagodas, twenty two fanams & forty Cash (80–22–40) Agreed that the paymaster discharge the same.

Some Articles of Plate purchased for Negrais.

Agreed that Mr. John Call be ranked on the List of Covenant Servants the 1st. of Janry. 1751 the day he received pay in the Companys Service.

Mr. John Call's Rank settled.

The Import Warehousekeeper lays before the Board as entered hereafter, an Account Sale of four hundred Candys of Copper sold at Outcry the 27th. ultimo amounting to thirty seven thousand One hundred and thirty five Pagodas which on an average is something more than Pags. 92⅞ ℔ Candy.

Account sale of Copper read.

The Import Warehousekeeper also lays before the Board an Account sale of One hundred and forty four Bales of Broad Cloth, sold at Outcry the 27th. ulto. and Acquaints the Board that thō the rest of the Cloth was then also put up to sale yet no offer was made for any further quantity.

Account sale of Broad Cloth read.

Order'd that the Broad Cloth and Lead be put up at Outcry again on Friday the 26th. Instant.

Broad Cloth & Lead to be put up again the 26th Instt.

Letter from the Register of the Mayors Court read as entered hereafter signifying that the Court have order'd fourteen Pagodas which they have levied by fine to be paid into the Company's Cash.

Fines paid in by the Mayors Court.

Order'd that the same be read & carried to the head of Fine & Forfeitures.

Letter from the Surgeon of the Duke of Dorset read as enter'd hereafter requesting to be paid head money on 91 Recruits and 2 Officers landed here.

Head Money ℔ Duke of Dorset to be paid.

Order'd that the Same be paid on the 91 Recruits only.

There being but few Pagodas remaining in the Treasury and the Price of Rupees being very advantagious agreed that about a Lack of Rupees be sold at the present price of 364.

A Lack of Rupees to be sold.

The Nobet Horses having been lately sold being bad and useless, and the Troops being lately come in from Camp, Order'd that the Charges of keeping those Horses be put to the Account of the Nobet and that they be used occasionally for that Purpose.

The Troops Horses to be used for the Noubet & charged to that Account.

It having been Customary before the Loss of this Settlement for the President to have six Chaise and two saddle Horses at the Companys Expence Agreed that they be purchased on the Company's Account.

6 Chaise } 2 Saddle } Horses to be purchased for the President.

The President reads the Cash Account for last month Ballance remaining compared with the Chest Eighteen thousand Eight hundred and seventy two current Pagodas twelve fanams and sixty seven Cash (18872–12–67) and Three thousand seven hundred and eighty four Madrass Pagodas twenty one fanams and thirty one Cash (M.P. 3784–21–31) which is carried forward.

Cash Account for Augt. read.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR: WYNCH.
WILLM: PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS: BOURCHIER.

ACCOUNT SALE OF THE HONBLE COMPANYS BROAD CLOTH BY PUBLICK OUTCRY ON THE USUAL TERMS VIZ^{T}.

The Time of sale.	Quality of the Goods.	Lot or Quantity.	Invoice Price.	Price put up at.	Price sold at.	Amount of each Lot.	To Whom Sold.
27th. August 1755.	Aurora ..	2					
	Ordinary Red.	2 } 6 Bales.	Pag^{s}. 500 3 60	Pag^{s}. 575.	..	Pag^{s}. 576	Arnagody Chitty.
	Green ..	2					
	D^{o}. ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	..	D^{o}. 576	Ditto.
	D^{o}. ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	..	D^{o}. 576	Nella Chitty.
	D^{o}. ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	..	D^{o}. 576	Paupah Chitty.
	D^{o}. ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	..	D^{o}. 576	Ditto.
	D^{o}. ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	..	D^{o}. 576	Tagapah Chitty.
	D^{o}. ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	..	D^{o}. 576	Pooliar Chitty.
	D^{o}. ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	..	D^{o}. 576	Ditto.
	D^{o}. ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	..	D^{o}. 576	Cullavah Chitty.
	D^{o}. ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	..	D^{o}. 576	Sheally Chitty.
	D^{o}. ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	..	D^{o}. 576	Ditto.
	D^{o}. ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	..	D^{o}. 576	Ditto.
	D^{o}. ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	..	D^{o}. 576	Verago Chitty.
	D^{o}. ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	..	D^{o}. 576	Nella Chitty.
	D^{o}. ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	..	D^{o}. 576	Bussovapah Chitty.
	D^{o}. ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	..	D^{o}. 576	Ditto.
	D^{o}. ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	..	D^{o}. 576	Ditto.
	D^{o}. ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	..	D^{o}. 576	Paupah Chitty.
	D^{o}. .	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	..	D^{o}. 576	Arnagady Chitty.
	D^{o}. ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	..	D^{o}. 576	Ditto.
	D^{o}. ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	..	D^{o}. 576	Vellapah.
	D^{o}. ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	..	D^{o}. 576	Linga Chitty.
	D^{o}. ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	..	D^{o}. 576	Ditto.
	D^{o}. ..	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	..	D^{o}. 576	Gollah Singah.
		144 Bales.				Pag^{s}. 13824	

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ERRORS EXCEPTED

℔ HENRY POWNEY,

Import W.H.K^{r}.

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ACCOUNT SALE OF THE HONOURABLE COMPANYS COPPER BY PUBLICK OUTCRY ON THE USUAL TERMS VIZ^{t}.

The Time of Sale.	Quality of the Goods.	Lot or Quantity.	Invoice Price.	Price put up at.	Price sold at.	Amount of ea. Lot.	To Whom Sold.
27th. August 1755.	1 Copper Fine.	5 Candy.	Pags. 68 34 30	Pags. 79.	Pags. 92 18	Pags. 462 18	Balla Gruah.
	2 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	90 18	D°. 452 18	Ditto.
	3 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	90 9	D°. 451 9	Mootal Chitty.
	4 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	90 9	D°. 451 9	Sheally Chitty.
	5 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	90 18	D°. 452 18	Ditto.
	6 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	90 27	D°. 453 27	Pollany Chitty.
	7 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	90 27	D°. 453 27	Verago Chitty.
	8 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	90 18	D°. 452 18	Comrapah.
	9 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	90 18	D°. 452 18	Narrain.
	10 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	90 18	D°. 452 18	Verago Chitty.
	11 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	90 27	D°. 453 27	Arnagady Chitty.
	12 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	90 27	D°. 453 27	Ditto.
	13 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	90 27	D°. 453 27	Narrain.
	14 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	90 27	D°. 453 27	Arnagady Chitty.
	15 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	90 27	D°. 453 27	Sheally Chitty.
	16 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	90 27	D°. 453 27	Tatah Chitty.
	17 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	90 27	D°. 453 27	Narrain.
	18 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	90 27	D°. 453 27	Arnagady Chitty.
	19 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	90 27	D°. 453 27	Narrain.
	20 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	90 27	D°. 453 27	Verago Chitty.
	21 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	90 27	D°. 453 27	Arnagady Chitty.
	22 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	91 —	D°. 455 —	Narsoo.
	23 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	90 27	D°. 453 27	Paupah Chitty.
	24 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	90 27	D°. 453 27	Arnagady Chitty.
	25 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	90 27	D°. 453 27	Ditto.
	26 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	90 27	D°. 453 27	Ditto.
	27 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	90 27	D°. 453 27	Ditto.
	28 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	90 27	D°. 453 27	Tatah Chitty.
	29 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	90 27	D°. 453 27	Ditto.
	30 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	90 27	D°. 453 27	Ditto.
	31 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	90 27	D°. 453 27	Ditto.
	32 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	90 27	D°. 453 27	Ditto.
	33 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	91	D°. 455	Narsoo.
	34 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	91	D°. 455	Mootiah.
	35 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	91	D°. 455	Paupah Chitty.
	36 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	91	D°. 455	Ditto.
	37 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	91	D°. 455	Ditto.
	38 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	91	D°. 455	Ditto.
	39 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	91	D°. 455	Ditto.
	40 D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	91	D°. 455	Ditto.
	41 D°. course.	D°.	Pags. 67 8 65	Pags. 75	93	D°. 465	Vellapah.

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The Time of sale.	No.	Quality of the Goods.	Lot or Quantity.	Invoice Price.	Price put up at.	Price sold at.	Amount of ea. Lot.	To whom sold.
27th August 1755.	42	Copper Fine.	5 Candy.	Pags. 67 8 65	Pags. 75.	Pags. 93	Pags. 465	Vellaph.
	43	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	93 9	466 9	Arnachelum.
	44	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	93 18	467 18	Mootiah.
	45	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	94	470	Vellapah.
	46	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	94	470	Ditto.
	47	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	94	470	Ditto.
	48	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	94	470	Ditto.
	49	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	94 18	472 18	Ditto.
	50	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	94 18	472 18	Ditto.
	51	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	94 18	472 18	Ditto.
	52	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	94 18	472 18	Ditto.
	53	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	95	475	Ditto.
	54	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	95	475	Ditto.
	55	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	95	475	Ditto.
	56	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	95	475	Ditto.
	57	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	95	475	Ditto.
	58	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	95	475	Ditto.
	59	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	95	475	Ditto.
	60	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	95	475	Ditto.
	61	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	95	475	Ditto.
	62	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	95 18	477 18	Vendah Chitty.
	63	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	95 18	477 18	Vellapah.
	64	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	95 18	477 18	Ditto.
	65	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	95 18	477 18	Ditto.
	66	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	95 18	477 18	Ditto.
	67	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	95 18	477 18	Ditto.
	68	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	95 18	477 18	Vendah Chitty.
	69	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	95 18	477 18	Verago Chitty.
	70	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	95 18	477 18	Vendah Chitty.
	71	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	95 18	477 18	Vendah Chitty.
	72	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	95 18	477 18	Paupah Chitty.
	73	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	95 18	477 18	Sheally Chitty.
	74	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	95 18	477 18	Verago Chitty.
	75	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	95 18	477 18	Viledem Chitty.
	76	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	95 18	477 18	Vellapah.
	77	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	95 18	477 18	Veerago Chitty.
	78	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	95 9	476 9	Vellapah.
	79	D°.	D°.	D°.	D°.	95 9	476 9	Paupah Chitty.
	80	D°.	D°.	D°	D°.	95	475	Vellapah.
			350. Candy.			Pags.	37135	

FORT ST. GEORGE 27TH AUGUST 1755.

ERRORS EXCEPTED
℔ HENRY POWNEY,
Import W.H.Kr.

The Honble United Companys Cash.

Per Contra.

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Dr:		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.	Cr:		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
1st.	To Ballance brought from last Months Account.	30632	31	68	1st.	By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him to pay the Military Vizt.			
4	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper received of him on his running Account ...	12000	—	—		In Gold ... ... Pags. 6000 — —			
..	To Henry Powney Sea Customer received of him on his running Account	2000	—	—		In A.Rs. 1000 @ 370. 270 9 58	6270	9	58
..	To Claud Russell Accountant General of the Mayors Court recd. of the Register of the said Court Account the Estate of Solomon Solomon.	2000	—	—	..	By John Smith Paymaster advanced him for disbursements in that Employ Vizt.			
8	To the Committee of Treasury received from the Treasury 5000 Arcot Rupees at 370	1351	12	52		In Gold ... ... 9000 — —			
11	To Henry Powney Sea Customer received of him on his running Account	2100	—	—		In fanams 72000 ... ... 2000 — —	11000	—	—
..	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Permall Kellavah Chitty Beetle and Tobacco Farmers received of them One Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ulto.				10	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad A.Rs. 5000 @ 370	1351	12	52
	Vizt. in Gold ... ... Pags. 200 — —				11	By Fort St. David sent thither overland by Peons.	10000	—	—
	in fanams 16800 ... 466 24 —	66	24	—	16	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad A.Rs. 20,000 @ 370	5405	14	48
11	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Permall Kellava Chitty Farmers of the Arrack & Wine License recd. of them One months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ulto. fanams 12000	333	12	—	18	By Sunca Vencata Ramah and Ambalataddy Chitty advanced them on Account of the Investment	5000	—	—
..	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Permal Kellava Chitty Farmers of the measuring Duty recd. of them two months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. ultimo fanams 6000	166	24	—	21	By Fort St. David remitted thither By Bill of Exchange drawn by Mr. John Brohier on Mr. John Call	4000	—	—
16	To the Committee of Treasury recd. from the Treasury 20,000 Arcot Rupees @ 370 ...	5405	14	48	26th.	By Robert Orme Export Warehousekeeper advanced him for the charges of that Employ.	1000	—	—
18	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper received of him on his running Account ...	5000	—	—	..	By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him to pay the Military next Month	7000	—	—
..	To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd. of him on his running Account	1000	—	—		By John Smith Paymaster advanced him for disbursements in that Employ Vizt.			
..	To Robert Orme Export Warehousekeeper received of him on his running Account ...	4000	—	—		In Gold ... ... Pags. 8000 — —			
						In fanams 90,000 ... 2500 — —	10500	—	—
	Brought forward ...	66656	11	8		Brought forward ...	61527	0	78

	Carried over ...	66656	11	8
18	To Bills of Exchange received of George Pigot Esqr. and Mr. Josias dupré Attorneys to Thomas Saunders Esqr. for one sett drawn on the Honble Court of Directors by the Chesterfield the 24 March 1753 at their stated Exchange payable at 90 days sight to Capt. Hugh Pigot value said to be received of Thomas Saunders Esqr. on Account of Mr. George Pigot but was omitted to be paid into Cash.	130	15	2
25	To Henry Powney Import Warehe.kr. recd. of him on his runng. Accot.	4000	—	—
..	To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd. of him on his runng. Accot.	1000	—	—
..	To Alexander Wynch Storekeeper received of him the Ballance of that Account for last Month.	9356	21	55
..	To William Perceval Land Customer received of him the Ballance of that Account for last Month Vizt. in Gold ... ... 222 — — In fanams & Cash 6287. 69. 174 23 69	396	23	69
..	To Mootiah Farmer of the Banksall Duty received of him six months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. June last	200	—	—
25	To Poombavay Vellapah Farmer of the Paddy Fields and Salt Pans received of him six Months rent of that Farm due the 1st. June last	251	—	—
..	To Linga Chitty and Subramoney Moodelair Farmers of St. Thome received of them for six months Rent of that Farm due the 30th. June last at which time the Cowle expired	2000	—	—
..	To Batta gain'd on the Exchange of Pags. 1000 into fanams at 40 fa. 40 Ca. ℔ Pagoda, The difference between this real, and the nominal Exchange of 36 fan. ℔ pagoda is 4500 fa. @ 36	125	—	—
26	To the Committee of Treasury received from the Treasury	10000	—	—
29	To Ditto Do. Arcot Rupees 15000 @ 370.	4054	1	76
	Star or Currt: Pagodas ...	98170	1	50

	Carried over ...	61527	0	78
26	By Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that Employ Vizt. In Gold ... ... Ps. 500 — — In fanams 3600 ... ... 100 — —	600	—	—
	By Gundavedy Vencata Ramah & Nellah Chitty advanced them on Account of the Investment.	10000	—	—
28	By Account Current London paid Peter Dencker in full for the Ballance of his Account inter'd after consultation 22d. April 1748, pursuant to the Company orders 31st. Janry. 1755 and Consultn. the 18th. Instant	916	21	69
	By Madrass Pagodas purchased ... ... M.P.	2000	—	—
	By Batta on 2000 Madrass Pagodas purchased at 10 ℔ Cent	200	—	—
29	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad A.Rs. 15000 @ 370	4054	1	76
		79297	24	63
31	By Ballance carried to next Months Account.	18872	12	67
	Star or Currt: Pagodas ...	98170	1	50

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MADRASS PAGODAS.

PER CONTRA.

		Dr: Pa.	Fa.	Ca.			Cr: Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
1	To Ballance brought from last Months Account.	1784	21	31					
28	To the Honble Company's Cash, purchased ...	2000	—	—	31.	By Ballance carried to next Months Account ...	3784	21	31
		3784	21	31			3784	21	31

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To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St: George.

Gentlemen

I beg the favour you would be pleased to Order me payment, for my Care of ninety One Soldiers, and two Officers, Brought out in the Ship Duke of Dorset Captain Bernard Forrster from Europe, and Landed at this place.

I am Gentlemen with due Regard.

Your most Obedient and very

Humble Servant,
David Duncombe,
Surgeon of the Ship Duke of Dorset.

Fort St: George
1st. Septr. 1755.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St: George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am directed by the Honble the Mayors Court to Acquaint your Honour &c. that they have this day Ordered the sum of Fourteen (14. —) Pagodas which they have lately levied by Fine, to be paid into the Honble Company's Cash.

I am with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient servant

Danl: Morse,
Regr.

Fort St: George
26th. August 1755.

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2 Arrived the Squirrel Schooner John Jennicor from Nagore.
5 Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 2d. Instt.
7 Arrived Sloop Hendrique Peter Le Blane from Pulicat.
- Sailed Ship Ganges John Gould for Bengal.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR: GOVR: PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE. ALEXANDER HERON.
HENRY POWNEY. ROBERT ORME.
ALEXANDER WYNCH. WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH. CHARLES BOURCHIER.

MONDAY THE 8th.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 1st. Instt. read and sign'd.

Genl. Letter from Fort St. David read.

Noo. 117. General Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council at Fort Stt. David dated the 2d. Instant read Acquainting us that Mr. Call has represented to them he shall want one hundred Redwood Piles at least 20 feet long and 12 Inches diameter to secure Patches Battery from the next Monsoon also advising us that they have as yet received but seventeen Bales from their old Merchants notwithstanding all their promisses and that they can place no further dependence on them for this dispatch. That Nella Chitty has not as yet brought in one piece but says he has a quantity on the Road which will arrive in two or three days. That their Cash being very low they request a Supply.

10000 Pags. to be sent to Fort St. David overland.

Agreed that Ten thousand Pagodas be sent to Fort Stt. David by Peons.

126000 Rups. to be sold.

Agreed that one hundred and Eight thousand Arcot Rupees be sold to Linga Chitty at the rate of 360 ℔ Ct. and Eighteen thousand to Alexander Wynch Esqr. at the same rate both at twenty days trust.

Representation of the Military Storekeeper in Relation to Captn. Evans's Madagascar Arms.

The Military Storekeeper Acquaints the Board that having demanded of Captt. Evans of the Eastcourt an Account of the Arms he was permitted to bring out for the purchase of Provisions &ca. at Madagascar he had Accordingly delivered in an Account of the quantity he brought out as well as of those sold and that he had deliver'd the remainder but not having the Bill of the Cost in England, desired they might be valued at the same rate as others of that kind, which the Military Storekeeper Acquaints the Board he cannot comply with having none of that sort.

An account to be sent home.

Order'd an Account thereof be sent in the Packet to England to be adjusted there.

Amount of Captn. Forresters Madagascar Arms produced.

The Military Storekeeper also acquaints the Board that he had Apply'd to Captt. Forrester of the Duke of Dorset for an Account of the Arms brought out by him on the same terms as Captt. Evans, who had accordingly delivered him an Account which he now produces to the Board whereby it appears that all the Arms barter'd at Johanna for Provisions.

Mr. Drake to lay before the Board an Accot. of Money paid Captn. Schaub's Detachment Prisoners at Pondicherry.

Ordered that Mr. Dawsonne Drake lay before the Board a particular Account of the money by him paid or remitted to Pondicherry on Account of Captain Schaubs Detachment whilst Prisoners there, during which time he held the Military Paymasters Employ at Stt. David, together with the proper vouchers for the same.

Indents for Prince George to be complied with.

The Storekeeper lays before the Board an Indent for Provisions and Stores for the Prince George which he is order'd to comply with and to purchase such Articles as are not in the Company's Stores.

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Also Account Disburse-ments & 4 months Impress to be paid. Advance on that Account.

He also lays before the Board an Account sign'd by Cap^{t}. Burman of Sundry disbursements for the Prince George and for four months Impress from ult^{o}. August last to Ult^{o}. December next amounting to Three thousand (3000) Rupees and Fifty seven Pagodas four fanams and forty Cash (57–4–40) which is ordered to be paid and it is Agreed that three thousand Rupees be Advanced him on that Account.

Money paid in by the Import Warehouse-keeper & Sea Customer.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in nine thousand (9000) Pagodas on his running Account.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in Eleven hundred (1100) Pagodas on his running Account.

Rents paid in Vizt. Of the Poonemalee Country.

Royal Pundat late Renter of the Poonemallee Country pays in six thousand (6000) Pagodas in further part of 6 months Rent of that Farm due the 30th. June.

Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah & Permall Kellava Chitty pay in the following Rents Viz^{t}.

Of the Beetle & Tobacco Farm & Arrack & Wine License. & Advance to the Storek^{r}.

Six hundred and sixty Pagodas twenty four fanams (660–24) for One months Rent of the Beetle and Tobacco Farm due the 1st Ult^{o}. and Three hundred and thirty three Pagodas Twelve fanams (333–12) for one Months Rent of the arrack & nine Licence due the 1st. Ult^{o}.

Agreed that six thousand (6000) Pagodas be advanced the Storekeeper to pay for Timber & Plank purchased And

Commis-sary.

That Fifteen thousand (15000) Rupees be advanced the Commissary to defray the charges of the Troops abroad.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^{R}: WYNCH.
WILL^{M}: PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CH^{S}: BOURCHIER.

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8 Sent by Tappies General Letters to Fort S^{t}. David & DeveCotah dated this day.

9 Arrived Snow Prince Edward, James Sutherland from Buttavia last from Fort S^{t}. David.

— Sailed the Hon̄ble Company's Sloop Cuddalore Nathaniel Hammond for Vizagapatam and Nigrais with General Letters for those two Settlements, Ingeram & Madapollam all dated this day.

— Sent by Peons Ten thousand Pagodas to Fort S^{t}. David with a General Letter of this date.

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Sailed Ship Sally, John Durand for Bengall. 10
Ditto Sloop Dolphin, Valebay for Do. —
Received by Tappies Genl. Letter from Fort St. David dated the 8th. Instt. 11
Sailed Ship Ally Serroff, John Scott, for Pegue. —
Sailed Ship Watson, Andrew Ward for Bengal with General Letter dated this day. —
Arrived a Sloop Catherina, for Sadrass. —
Sailed Squirrel Schooner, John Jennicor for Nagore. 13
Do. Ship Elai Bux, Vale Mahomud, for Tenasseree. —
Recd by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated the 10th. Instt. 14
Do. by Peons Do. from Ingeram dated the 2d. Instant and Duplicate of one dated the 28th. August. —
Sailed the Honble Company's Ship Duke of Dorset, Bernard Forrester for Bengal with General Letter dated the 11th. Instant and by the same conveyance a General Letter to the Deputy Govr. & council at Fort Marlbro is sent to be forwarded by the Ship to be dispatchd in Decemr. to fill up at the West Coast. —
Sailed Ship Nanganaut Mahomud Radjaa for Tenasseree. 15
Sloop Dolphin, Vale Rame, for Pegue. —
Received by Peons General Letter from Vizagapatam dated 21 August and one from Bengal dated 12 July. 17
Sailed Ship Compan Crote, Murja Mahomud for Tenasseree. 19

At a Consultation

Present

Saturday the 20th.

George Pigot Esqr. Governour President.

——— ———. Alexander Heron.
Henry Powney. Robert Orme.
Alexander Wynch. ——— ———.
John Smith. Charles Bourchier.

Coll. Lawrence, Mr. Perceval } *absent.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 8th. Instt. read and signed.

General Letter read Vizt.

Genl. Letter from Fort St. David read.

No. 118 and 119 from the Deputy Governour & Council at Fort St. David the first dated the 8th. Instant enclosing their Consultations and Monthly Accounts for July, and Acquainting us that as Grain is likely to be extreamly scare they should be glad of a further Supply, enclosing copy of a Petition to them from one Amin Cawn who has been under confinement four years on Suspicion of Corresponding with the Enemy, requesting to be released the other dated the 10th. Instant Acquainting us that finding all their remonstrances to their merchants of no Effect they were obliged to reject what Cloth appeard to them not fit to be taken in, notwithstanding which they still persist in bringing in the same sort tho in very small quantitys alledging it is the best the Country affords, and that the other European Nations accept it at a higher price which they have reason to think is true for on turning out a large parcell of Cloth lately Irshippa Chitty & Paupa Rauze wrote to their Gomastahs to dispose of

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what remain'd which they did to the French who, it is said, have by this means collected near a thousand Bales and unless we pursue the same Measure it is not to be expected we can procure any quantity of Cloth wherefore they desire our positive directions That the Board having met to sort the first parcell of Cloth, brought in by Nella Chitty, find it rather worse than that of the other Merchants particularly his Worriarpollam and as he says it is the best he can provide they shall keep it untill they receive our Instructions, enclosing two Letters one from their Accountant & the other from Mr. Call the Engineer relating to an Article in the Engineer's Accounts which they are at a Loss how to Adjust.

Genl. Letters from Ingeram.

N. 120 & 121 From Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram, the first dated the 28 Ulto. advising that he has sent by the Don Carlos on the Companys Account One hundred and thirty seven Bales and by the same Vessell he has returnd seven pieces of Broad Cloth Superfine scarlet and Ten old Bayonet pieces, the other is dated the 2d. Instant enclosing Duplicate with the usual papers for last month, and the Account quick Stock to the 31st. Ulto.

From Vizagapatam.

No. 122 From Charles Boddam Esqr. Chief &ca. Council at Vizagapatam dated the 21st. Ultimo advising the Arrival of the East Court and the receit of ten thousand Madrass Pagodas, with the Military sent to reinforce their Garrison and requesting that a few men of the Train may be sent them with a good Serjeant as their number is reduced by desertion &ca. Acquainting us that they think they shall be able to send us upwards of Five hundred Bales for our September Dispatch, that Captain Evans went on board to sail the 15th.

Bengal.

No. 123 From the President & Council at Bengal dated the 12th. July, acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 21st. June and Acquainting us that agreeable to our request they shall send us the first Ship they have in readiness in September with 300 Tons of Salt petre, 30 Tons of Redwood, and the remainder of her Tonnage in Bales, that the Company having recommended it to them to dispatch home an early Ship or two directly from thence they cannot comply with our proposal for sending two Ships in September to be filled up here as our small quantity of Bales would oblige them to load almost 4/5 of each Ship and by that means prevent their complying with the Company's directions that they are in hopes it will be in their power in Concert with us, and the Assistance they expect on the Bombay side of a surplus Tonnage of pepper sufficient for one Ship, to return home, all the Ships in India & those expected, especially as a Latitude is given to fill up with salt petre, they therefore request to be informed as soon as possible what quantity of Bales we shall have in January, and what salt petre we shall want for Europe and for our own use, the quantity they shall lade for Europe being about 200 Tons on each Ship. That they apprehend it is not in their power to prevent the purchasers of Broad Cloth carrying it to what part of India they please as it is sold publickly by the Companys direction without restriction, that Metals are also exported to Bombay & Surat without any notice taken of it by the Gentlemen there and they think it would be very prejudicial were they to forbid it, and give the French & Dutch a great advantage in their Sales That as they are in want of money for their Investment and Current Charges they dont doubt but we will consign them as much as we can Spare.

Fort St. David to be wrote to about Rice Amin Cawn

Agreed to write to the Gentlemen at Fort St. David that the Rice we sent them was intended for the immediate subsistance of the Inhabitants and must not be disposed of in large quantitys that should we find an Opportunity we shall send them more. That Amin Cawn's Confinement was on just grounds but the face of Affairs being changed he may be released and turn'd out of the Bounds That we observe with concern the small progress made in their Investment which perhaps may arrise from their sorting rather too Strictly, if so we would have them relax a little as we must comply with the necessity of the times. and with what is good admit some of an inferior quality, that we recommend

the Investment &

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this Method which nothing but absolute necessity can Justify only to prevent their Investment from being Transferr'd to the French in hopes that Trade may receive with the establishment of Peace and present more favourable Occasion of restoring the Manufacture to it[s] former State, that we cannot give more positive Directions than these, but if at any time they should be doubtful whether to admitt or reject, any parcell of Cloth they are to send us Musters & wait our directions. That Nella Chitty being desirous of having his Cloth sorted here they are to deliver it to him & Assist him in transporting it hither which he will do at his own Expence. That We have referred it to our Accountant to Adjust the Article they mention in their Engineers Account That we cannot supply them with Redwood Piles of the dimensions they want but Mr. Brohier will write to Mr. Call in what manner to secure Patches Battery.

Nella Chitty's cloth. St. David wrote to about the Article in their Engineer's Accot. & Piles for Patcherre Battery.

Pursuant to Order of last Consultation the Secretary having signified to Mr. Dawsonne Drake that he is to lay before the Board an Account of the Money by him paid on Account of Captain Schaub's detachment whilst prisoners at Pondicherry with the vouchers for the same, a Letter from him is now read, as enter'd hereafter, Acquainting the Board that he delivered those Accounts and vouchers to the Deputy Govr. of Fort St. David almost two years ago at the late Presidents request to whom they were sent and who settled those Accounts with Capt. Schaub, that they were never return'd him but having left several of his papers and Accounts with the Paymasters Conicoply at St. David he will send for them and procure the best information he can.

Letter from Mr. Drake relating to his Account of Captn. Schaub's Detachment.

Order'd that Mr. Drake be directed to draw out such an Account as is before required from the papers he left in the paymaster Conicoplys hands and from the Accounts of his paymasters employ, and lay the same before the Board as soon as possible.

Ordered to state the Account as soon as possible.

The Commissary lays before the Board the Account of Money Transactions between the Company and Nabob Annaverdee Cawn Behauder compleated to ulto. April last.

Commissaries Accot. to ulto. April produced.

A Certificate being read from the Accountant General of the Mayors Court that the Register is to pay in One hundred and six (106) Pagodas Account the Estate of Robert Worth deceased, a Receit is now sign'd for the same which is to be received into the Company's Cash.

Money paid in from the Mayors Court Accot. the Estate of Robt. Worth deceased.

The President acquaints the Board that the 15th. Instant the following Rents were paid into Cash Vizt.

Rents paid in Vizt.

By Oppajee Nayenar Renter of the Chingalapat & Manamangalum Countrys, Six thousand (6000) Pagodas in part of six months Rent due on the Chingalput Farm the 1st. ulto. and Three thousand (3000) Pagodas in part of six Months Rent due on the Manamangalum Farm the 1st. Ultimo.

of Chingalaput and Manamangalum Countries.

By Pushponatha Nayenar late Renter of the Seven Magans of Tripossore Country, and of the Covelong Country vizt. Five thousand (5000) Pagodas in part of six months Rent due on the Seven Magans the 1st. Ulto. and Two thousand Pagodas in part of six months Rent due on the Covelong Country the 1st. Ulto.

Of Covelong & the Seven Magans of Tripossore.

The Amount of Capt. D.'Illen's Bond for £250—two hundred and fifty Pound Advanced him by the Company in England is now paid in at the rate of Seven Shillings and Eight pence ℔ pagoda being six hundred and fifty two Pagodas six fanams and twenty Cash (652–6–20).

Captn. d'Illens Bond to the Comps. discharged.

Henry Powney Importwarehousekeeper pays in Seven thousand (7000) Pagodas on his running Account.

Money paid in by The Impot. Wareh kr.

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The Sea Customer. Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in Eleven hundred (1100) Pagodas on his running Account.

Rental General and Scavinger. Charles Bourchier Rental General and Scavinger pays in seven hundred (700) Pagodas in part of it the Ballance due from him on those Accounts ending the 24th. August last enterd after Consultation the 5th. May last.

On Accot. Chindadre Pettah. The Secretary pays in Two hundred (200) Pagodas in part of the duties collected for Chindadre Pettah for the year 1754.

Advance to the Commissary. Agreed that Five thousand (5000) Pagodas be advanced the Commissary to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad.

GEORGE PIGOT.

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HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR: WYNCH.

———— ————.

JOHN SMITH.
CHS: BOURCHIER.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I received a Letter from Mr. Secretary Du Pre of the 12th. Instant desiring me by your direction to lay before the Board an exact Account of all the Money remitted to Captain Schaub for the payment of his Detachment whilst Prisoners at Pondichery with the proper vouchers for the same I am sorry it is out of my power to comply with this desire having almost two years ago delivered these same Accounts and vouchers to Mr. Starke the Deputy Govr. of Fort St. David at the instance and request of our late President to whom they were immediately transmitted, and who settled these Accounts himself with Capt. Schaub as both he & Capt. Schaub informed me, so that I never troubled myself more about the matter, nor did I think it necessary to ask Mr. Saunders for to return me the Vouchers as concluding every thing was Accommodated to his satisfaction, however as I left several of my Papers & Accounts with the Paymasters Conicoply at St. David, I will write to him immediately & procure the best information I possibly can into this Affair.

I am with the greatest respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedt. humble Servant

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
15th. September 1755.

20th. Sent by Pattamars General Letter to Tellicherry dated this day.
— Do. Do. to Anjengo do.
21 Do. by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David dated this day.
— Sailed Ship Hydrade Laam, Oudre Selaam for Acheen.
22 Received by Pattamar General Letter from Bombay dated 22d. August.
25 Arrived Kilch Bonita, John Edward from Fort St. David.

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Received by Tappies General Letter from Fort S^{t}. David dated 23^{d}. Inst^{t}. 26
D^{o}. by Peons General Letter from Vizagapatam dated 5th. Instant. —
Sailed Sloop Cathorina for Sadrass. 27
Arrived his Majestys Sloop Kingfisher Smith from Fort S^{t}. David. 28
Received by Tappies General Letter from DeveCotah dated 22^{d}. Inst^{t}. —

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY THE 29TH.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.	———— ————.
HENRY POWNEY.	ROBERT ORME.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.	WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.	CHARLES BOURCHIER.

ALEX^{R}. HERON ESQ^{R}. *Absent.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 20th. Instant read and signed.

General Letters read Viz^{t}. Genl. Letters read Viz^{t}.

From Bombay.

N^{o}. 124. From the President and Council at Bombay dated the 22^{d}. August Acknowledging the receit of our Advices of the 12th. & 29th. June with the packets from England and Anjengo and Acquainting us that none of the Ships destined for that Presidency were then arrived. That they are pleased—We intended to send them part of their Military by the Protector and Assure us that they will readily assist us again with whatever Forces they may be able on the first notice of our being in want of them, That as soon as we signify to them the Amount of the Silver We consign to the Supra Cargos of the Warren they will punctually reimburse us. That they are concern'd to observe the quantity of Cloth design'd for the three Presidencys as they have a large one on hand and the Company have exceeded their Indent by 200 Bales, but when they receive those intended for them by the Rhoda they will use their best Endeavours to dispose of them, That they have paid the Seapoys who return'd from hence Rupees 2225–3–67 for their travelling Expences, and they have also demanded an Allowance for Provisions whilst they were at Cuddalore and on their return amounting to Rup^{s}. 7260–3–67 requesting to be informed whether our Troops had that Allowance. That they purpose shortly to dispatch the London & Anson to the Bay with Cotton.

From Fort St. David.

N^{o}. 125 From the Deputy Governour & Council at Fort S^{t}. David dated the 23^{d}. Instant Acknowledging the Receit of a Letter from the Secretary with ten thousand Pagodas enclosing a List of men in that Garrison unfit for Duty by their Wounds or incurable disorders who have Petition'd for Pensions on which they desire our directions & Acquainting us That their Ballances of Cash being only Pag^{s}. 8665–15. – they desire our immediate supply of 50000 Rupees and 20000 Pagodas and that the Exchange of Rupees is 365 ₹ 100.

From Vizagapatam.

N^{o}. 126 From the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam dated the 5th. Instant enclosing the Account of that Settlement for last month requesting a further Supply of Pagodas for the ensuing Season, and acquainting us that they hope to dispatch their Bale to us before the end of the month & so supply us with upwards of five hundred.

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Genl. Letters From DeveCotah.

N°. 127 From Mr. Charles Hopkin Chief of DeveCotah dated the 22d. September Acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 14th. Instant, offering his reasons for the Monthly Charge in his Accounts under Fortifications & Repairs which were made in consequence of Estimates sent up here for our approbation, but the Work by reason of bad weather and want of Artificers has been unavoidably protracted That such a place as DeveCotah which has been so long built and badly taken care of must be in continual want of repair, that he had our permission in our Letter of the 31st. July last year " to make any trifling repairs that might be really necessary & not otherwise ", and that none but such have been done, That the sand Bags we mention are still in being & in good Condition and his reason for mentioning Embrassures was that he thought them more durable and less lyable to Accidents. That no Captain there has over been paid but for Men actually doing duty on the Spot, and they have always defrayed the Charge of burying the dead. That the Advertisement for Encouragement of a free & open Trade has been Translated in the several Languages, & publish'd throughout the Bounds, but as no one there knows the Establish'd Rules, he submitts to us whether it may not be necessary to have Copies of them sent down & published there.

Para. of the Bombay Letter referr'd to the Committee.

Agreed that the Paragraph in the abovemention'd Letter from Bombay relating to the Seapoys be referred to the Committee for Country & Military Affairs to do therein as they may think proper.

300 Bales, Broad Cloth & L. Ells for Bombay to be sent on Freight by the Squadron.

There being 240 Bales of Broad Cloth and 60 Bales of Long Ells in the Warehouse imported this year by the Rhoda to be forwarded to Bombay, and as there is probability of sending them round on any of the Company's Ships, or by any other conveyance, Freight free, Agreed that application be made to Admiral Watson (who intends shortly to proceed with the squadron to Bombay, for leave to put those Bales on board one of his Majesty's Ships and if this request should be complied with that a Gratuity be made the Captain of such Ship equal to the usual Freight of 2½ pags. ℔ Bale.

a lack of Rupees & 20000 Pags to be sent to St. David ℔ Tyger.

The Gentlemen at St. David being in want of a large supply of Cash and the Tyger Man of War being in a few days to sail for that place Agreed that a Lack of Rupees and Twenty thousand Pagodas be sent by that Ship, Admiral Watson's leave being first obtained.

Letter from Admiral Watson.

Letter from Admiral Watson dated the 26th. Instant read as entered hereafter Acquainting the Board with his intentions of proceeding shortly to Bombay to refit the Squadron as it will be unsafe for his Majesty's Ships to continue here much longer the monsoon being near breaking up, but should any advices arrive after his departure which they make his return necessary he will make the best of his way back to this Coast on notice.

Answer thereto.

An Answer thereto is now wrote and signed (as entered hereafter) Acquainting him that we expected to have seen the Dodington from England before this with more certain Advices than we have yet received, but should she not come before the time he proposes for his departure we think it will be unnecessary to risque his Majesty's Ships here any longer. That observing he intends to proceed to Bombay We beg the favour he will carry round a Detachment of Men belonging to that Settlement and permit one of his Ships to take in a few Bales of Broad Cloth to be delivered there thanking him for the readyness he has always shown, and for his offer of returning hither, and promising to communicate any advices of Moment we may receive from Europe in his Absence.

Mr. Chas. Bourchier requests Leave to go to Bombay. Granted.

Letter from Mr. Charles Bourchier Acquainting the Board that a short visit to Bombay being of material Consequences to his Affairs, and as in the Approaching Season he Apprehends his presence may be dispensed with, he therefore requests leave to proceed thither on one of his Majesty's Ships which the Board readily grant.

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Letter from Mr. John Brohier (the Engineer) read as entered hereafter together with an Estimate of Building a shed at the Garden House to serve as a stable for the Companys Horses amounting to Eleven hundred and four Pagodas. Estimate of Building Horse stables at the Garden House approved.

Order'd that the same be built as soon as possible.

Letter from the Register of the Mayors Court as enter'd hereafter Acquainting the Board that the sum of four thousand four hundred ninety six Rupees & an half having been deposited in the Company's Cash at Vizagapatam the 1st. Instant Account the Estate of Stephen Holloway Bunyon decd. he is order'd by the Court to desire payment thereof. Letter from the Regr. of the Mayors Court.

No advice being yet received from the Chief & Council of that sum being deposited at Vizagapatam Order'd that the Secretary signify the same to the Register of the Mayors Court and that the same cannot be paid here untill such Advice be received. Answer.

The Import Warehousekeeper lays before the Board an Account Sale of Eighteen Bales or three Lotts of the Honble Company's Broad Cloth sold at Outcry the 26 Septr. at one pagoda ℔ Lot more than the usual advance or 15 ℔ Ct. on the Invoice Price, and that no Bidders offer'd for any more. Accot. Sale Broad Cloth delivered in.

Order'd that the remainder be put up again on Wednesday the 29th. of next month. Broad Cloth to be put up again the 29th October.

The two following Drafts from the Accountant General of the Mayor's Court being presented are Order'd to be paid Vizt. Two Drafts from the Accountant General. To be paid.

No. 6 in favour of the Register of the Mayor's Court Account the Estate of William Beawes deced. for two thousand two hundred and fifty Pagodas thirty three fanams and thirty seven Cash (2250–33–37).

No. 7 in favour of the Register of the Mayor's Court Account the Estate of Bobjohn Mathews a Bankrupt for one thousand seven hundred and sixty three Pagodas six fanams and Eighteen Cash (1763–6–18).

An account of six months Salary due to the Honble Companys Covenant Servants from the 25th. of March to the 25th. Instant amounting to Two thousand and Eighty six Pagodas and four fanams (2086–4–) is now laid before the Board and Order'd to be paid. Account Salary read.

George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master pays in two hundred and ninety seven (297) Madrass Pagodas for last months Ballance of Madrass Pagodas in that Account due from the Mint. And Fifty two Current Pagodas three fanams and sixty five cash (52–3–65) are now paid him being the Ballance of Current Pagodas due to the Mint for last Month. Mint Ballances paid & received.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in six thousand (6000) Pagodas on his running Account. Money paid in By the Impo. Wareho. kr.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in One thousand (1000) Pagodas on his running Account. By ye. Sea Customer.

William Perceval Land Customer pays in five hundred and Twenty one Pagodas thirty three fanams and fifty Cash (521–33–50) for last Months Ballance of that Account. Land Customer.

Agreed that the following Advances be made out of Cash Vizt.

To the Commissary Fifteen thousand Rupees to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad. Advances to the Commissary

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The Paymaster.

To the Paymaster Tweleve thousand (12000) Pagodas for disbursements in that Employ.

The Mility. Paymr. & Military Storekr.

To the Military Paymaster six thousand (6000) Pagodas to pay the Military &c^{a}. and

To the Military Storekeeper one thousand six hundred and fifty (1650) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ.

The Proceedings of the Genl. Committee in their Examination of Coll. Heron's Conduct laid before the Board.

The Current Business of the day being gone thro', the President acquaints the Board that the principal reason for his desiring them to Assemble at this time was to lay before them the proceedings of the General Committee in an Examination they had made into the Conduct of Col^{l}. Heron one of the Members of this Board and Major of the Companys Forces on this Coast. That being willing this Gentlemen should be present, the usual Summons had been sent him, but about Eight this morning he received a Letter from him (which is inter'd hereafter) excusing himself from Attending on Account of an Indisposition desiring however that his absence might not prevent the Committee laying before the Board what Charges they pleased, and he should be ready by two o'clock to lay every thing before the Commander in Chief of the Forces meaning Col^{l}. Adlecron now at S^{t}. David's.

The President thereupon proceeded to inform the Board that after the Conclusion of the Treaty of Truce the General Committee having taken into consideration the forming some Scheme to reimburse the Company a part of that large sum they are in Advance for the Nabob, Saw with concern the little probability there was of its being done out of the Revenues accruing to him from the Arcot Province, And the Nabob having himself frequently press'd the President to Order a detachment of the Army to march with him into Madura and Tinnevelly Countries, Assuring him that very large sums were due to him from the different Polligars and Chiefs there, who had paid him no part of the Tribute due during the whole time he was involved in the late war, and that notwithstanding he was now in peace he found as little inclination in them to settle Accounts with him as before, and that unless a sufficient Force was sent there he judged it would ever be the Case; The Committee taking this into serious consideration, saw clearly the necessity of undertaking the Expedition, as it appear'd the only step they could possibly take to enable the Nabob to clear off a part of his Debt to the Company. They therefore came to a resolution to put this design in Execution, and relying on the Integrity and prudence of Col^{l}. Heron, made Choice of him to conduct this important Expedition and the 4th. of February last sent him Orders, to march with the whole European Troops he lay there at the head of, with one thousand Seapoys into the Madura and Tinnevelly Countries, and for the greater satisfaction both of the Company and the Nabob the Committee directed that for all moneys collected Joint receits should be signed by Col^{l}. Heron, M^{r}. Maunsell and the Nabobs Officer, Having taken this precaution they flatter'd themselves with the greatest hopes of this Expeditions being attended with all the desired Success. But finding after the Army had been abroad above six weeks, that there was little appearance of any thing considerable being collected, and Judging it necessary for many important reasons to recall the Troops, the Committee sent Orders to Col^{l}. Heron the 26th. March to return, and repeated those Orders the 3^{d}. 22^{d}. & 24th. April, but Col^{l}. Heron not arriving at Tritchinopoly till the 6th. June, which was full three weeks later than the Committee expected, and the President having had information of several matters that it was judged necessary should be enquired into, orders were sent to Col^{l}. Heron the [*lacuna*] to give the Command of the Troops over to Captain Polier and to come to Madrass himself. Soon after his Arrival being called upon for a Journal of his proceedings, the same was delivered to the Committee who upon a Strict examination therein found Sufficient reason to blame many parts of his Conduct, and the better to enable him to clear up those matters they drew up in writing a Charge against

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him, the 9th. Instant to which he answer'd the 11th. but that not being satisfactory to the Committee, they made their objections with some further observations, which also were delivered him in writing the 19th. Instant, and he replyd the 22d. All which together with Copies of the Letters that passed between the Committee and Coll. Heron during that Expedition, and the several Information since taken relating thereto, are now laid before the Board, and being entered at length in the proceedings of the Committee, reference may be thereunto had.

The several Charges, Replys and Vouchers abovementioned having been maturely weighed and considered upon the whole the Board are unanimously of Opinion,

That Coll. Heron has been Guilty of Breach of Orders, and of PERVERTING the INTENTIONS OF his COMMISSION in the following Instances among many others of less moment Vizt.

BREACH OF ORDERS.

In not Settling Accounts with the Pollygars jointly with Mr. Maunsell and the Nabobs Officer in the manner he was directed by the Committee and in not immediately returning with the Army on the receit of the Committees Orders to do so, but delaying the same under various pretences which seem of little weight.

PERVERTING THE INTENTIONS OF HIS COMMISSIONS:

by applying to his own use and that of other private persons all the ready money collected from the Pollygars, except three thousand Rupees, instead of bringing the same to the Companys Account. And in farming out the Madura and Tinnevelly Countrys to Mahafoos Cawn the Nabobs Officer, who was to take Charge of those Countrys for the Nabob, instead of collecting, in conjunction with that Officer and Mr. Maunsell, the Arrears which had then become due, and leaving Mahafoos Cawn at his departure in possession of those Countrys, to receive and Account for the future Rents. Thrō. which, and other parts of his Conduct the service hath been greatly injured, by incurring a greater Expence in the Expedition than the Collection can reimburse; whereas it manifestly appears that had he duely and faithfully executed his Instructions, a large sum of money might have been required, FOR ALL WHICH, the Board thinking themselves in Duty to their Employers obliged to shew the severest marks of Resentment.

ON THE QUESTION PUT

IT IS AGREED That Alexander Heron Esqr. be, and he accordingly is hereby suspended from his Seat at this Board until the Hoñble Companys pleasure be known. Col. Heron Suspended from his Seat the Board.

Order'd that the Secretary signify the same to Coll. Heron, and a Letter being accordingly prepared for that purpose, is entered hereafter.

The Board further remark that many other parts of Coll. Heron's Conduct, and particularly that in the Natom Woods, Appear to be very unlike an Officer, But as these will come more properly before a Court Martial (which the Board observe Coll. Heron intends himself to apply for) they take no further Notice of them at present.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR: WYNCH.
WILLM: PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS: BOURCHIER

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ACCOUNT SALARY due to the Honourable Companys Covenanted Servants from the 25th. March 1755 to the 25th. September 1755.

		Mos.	Day.	₰ Ann.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Pagodas.	Fas.	Cash.
George Pigot Esqr.	President & Governour.	6	—	200	100	—	—						
	Gratuity	—	—	100	50	—	—						
								150	—	—	375	—	—
Henry Powney.	2nd of Council. ..	6	—	100		..		50	—	—	125	—	—
Robert Orme.	3d of ditto ..	6	—	70		..		35	—	—	87	18	—
Alexander Wynch.	4th of ditto ..	6	—	50		..		25	—	—	62	18	—
William Perceval.	5th of ditto ..	6	—	40		..		20	—	—	50	—	—
John Smith.	6th of ditto ..	6	—	40		..		20	—	—	50	—	—
Charles Bourchier.	7th of ditto ..	6	—	40		..		20	—	—	50	—	—
Dawsonne Drake.	Senior Merchant. ..	—	—	40		..		20	—	—	50	—	—
John Walsh..	ditto ..	—	—	40		.		20	—	—	50	—	—
Henry Vansittart.	Junior Merchant. ..	—	—	30	15	—	—						
	Gratuity as Translater. ..	—	—	30	15	—	—						
								30	—	—	75	—	—
Samuel Ardley.	Ditto ..	—	—	30		..		15	—	—	37	18	—
Edward Edwards.	ditto ..	—	—	30	15	—	—						
	Gratuity as Assay Master	—	—	80	40	—	—						
								55	—	—	137	18	—
Josias Du Pre.	Factor	—	—	15	7	10	—						
	Gratuity as Secretary. ..	—	—	100	50	—	—						
	Do. as Clerk of the Peace. ..	—	—	45	22	10	—						
								80	—	—	200	—	—
John Browning.	ditto ..	—	—	15		..		7	10	—	18	27	—
James Alexander.	ditto ..	—	—	15	7	10	—						
	Gratuity as Sub-Accompt. ..	—	—	100	50	—	—						
	ditto for keepg. ye. Cos. Accots. with the Mayors Court. ..	—	—	20	10	—	—						
								67	10	—	168	27	—
John Smith..	ditto ..	—	—	15		..		7	10	—	18	27	—
	Carried over ..					..		622	10	0	1,556	9	0

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			Mos.	Days.		# Ann.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	Pagod.	Fas.	Cash.
		Brought forward	..		..		..			622	10	0	1,556	9	0
Daniel Morse.	Factor	..	..		6 —	15	7	10	—						
	Gratuity for keeping the Books of the Mayors Court.		..		— —	20	10	—	—						
										17	10	—	43	27	—
Charles Simpson.	Writer	..	..		— —	5		..		2	10	—	6	9	—
George Stratton.	ditto	..	..		— —	5		..		2	10	—	6	9	—
Philip Francis Greenslate.	ditto		..		— —	5		..		2	10	—	6	9	—
Mathew Clarke.	ditto	..	..		— —	5		..		2	10	—	6	9	—
James Bourchier,	ditto	..	..		— —	5		..		2	10	—	6	9	—
Thomas Mansell.	ditto	..	..		— —	5		..		2	10	—	6	9	—
ClaudRussell.	ditto	..	..		— —	5	2	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Gratuity as Accompt. Genl. of the Mayors Court.		..		— —	20	10	—	—						
										12	10	—	31	9	—
Thomas Rumbold.	ditto	..	..		— —	5		..		2	10	—	6	9	—
George Pyne.	ditto	..	..		— —	5		..		2	10	—	6	9	—
Charles Smith.	ditto	..	..		— —	5		..		2	10	—	6	9	—
Alexander Dalrymple.	ditto	..	..		— —	5		..		2	10	—	6	9	—
John Davidson.	ditto	..	..		— —	5		..		2	10	—	6	9	—
Samuel Johnson.	ditto	..	..		— —	5		..		2	10	—	6	9	—
James Mᵃlarmick.	ditto	..	..		— —	5		..		2	10	—	6	9	—
William Aldersey.	ditto	..	..		— —	5		..		2	10	—	6	9	—
John Palmer.	ditto	..	3	16	— —	5		..		1	9	5	3	24	40
Thomas Kellsall.	ditto	..	3	16	— —	5		..		1	9	5	3	24	40
Charles Floyer.	ditto	..	3	16	— —	5		..		1	9	5	3	24	40
William Barker.	ditto	..	3	16	— —	5		..		1	9	5	3	24	40
John Maxwell Store.	ditto	..	3	16	— —	5		..		1	9	5	3	24	40
Archdale Palmer.	Writer	..	3	16	— —	5		..		1	9	5	3	24	40
Abraham Browne.	ditto	..	3	16	— —	5		..		1	9	5	3	24	40
John Douglas.	ditto	..	1	16	— —	5		..		—	12	9	1	21	40
		Carried over	..		..		..			698	8	8	1,746	4	0

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		Mos.	Day.	℔ Ann.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	Pagods.	Fas.	Cash.
Brought forward		..		..	..	698 8 8	1,746	4	0
The Revd. M. Robt. Palk.	Chaplains ..	..	—	— 100	..	50 — —	125	—	—
The Revd. Mr. Sam. Stavely.		..	—	— 100	..	50 — —	125	—	—
Andrew Munro.	Surgeons ..	..	—	— 36	..	18 — —	45	—	—
Robert Turing.		..	—	— 36	..	18 — —	45	—	—
					..	834 8 8	2086	4	—

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

℔ ROBERT ORME,
Accountant.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST: GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I beg leave to Acquaint you, that a Short Visit to Bombay being of very material Consequence to my private Affairs, I flatter myself you will indulge me with permission for taking the favourable Opportunity that now Offers of going there on one of His Majesty's Ships; which I am the more induced to Request at this Time, as from the Approaching Monsoon, the shipping in General being under a necessity of soon leaving the Coast, There will I apprehend be the less to do here and my Presence may be the better dispens'd with.

I am with Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Humble servt.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT ST: GEORGE.
29TH. SEPTR. 1755.

FORT ST. GEORGE.

ACCOUNT SALE OF THE HONBLE COMPANYS BROAD CLOTH BY PUBLIC OUTCRY ON THE USUAL TERMS.

The Time of sale.	Quality of the Goods	Lot or Quantity.	Invoice Price.	Price put up at.	Price sold at.	Amot. of ea. Lot.	To whom sold.
26th. September 1755.	Broad Cloth. 2 Aurora. 2 Ordry. 2 Green.	6 Bales ..	Pag. 500 3 60	Pags. 575 ..	..	Pags. 576 ..	Teagapah Chitty.
	Ditto	Ditto ..	Ditto	D ...	..	Do. 576 ..	Arnagady Chitty.
	Ditto	Ditto ..	Ditto	Do. ..	..	Do. 576 ..	Ditto.
		18 Bales.				Pags. 1728	

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ERRORS EXCEPTED.

℘ HENRY POWNEY,
Impt. W.H.kr.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St: George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

A Shed to Serve as a Stable for the Honble Company's Horses being Absolutely necessary at their Garden House, I take the Liberty to lay an Estimate of the Expence of it before you for your approbation and am most Respectfully.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most
humble. servant,
John Brohier.

Fort St: George.
the 19th. September 1755.

Estimate for Building a Horse Stable, Pallankeen house, & Coach houses at the Honble Company's Garden House. 206 Feet Long & 36 feet Broad Vizt.

Wall Bricks ready work'd up			
Planks for Maingers &ca. and workmanship	200	250	— —
Palmeiras and workmanship			
Reepers and Ditto and Cooley hire			
Nails of Sorts			
Straw for Covering			
Country Wood			
Cooley to Clear the Foundation and Attend the Works		50	— —
	Pagodas	1104	— —

Errors Excepted.

John Brohier.

Fort St: George.
the 19th. September 1755.

To Charles Watson Esqr: Rear Admiral
of the Red and Commander in Chief of
his Majesty's Squadron in the East
Indies.

Sir,

We have the Honour of your Letter dated the 26th. Instant, We did hope before this time to have seen the Dodington with later Advices from England than we have hitherto received, when we might with more certainty have known how far we could depend on the continuance of Peace, We do not yet despair of seeing that ship but should she not Arrive before the time you mention for your departure we think her coming here so doubtfull as to make it unnecessary to risque his Majestys Ships much longer on this Coast; and observing it is your intention to proceed to Bombay we beg the favour of you to carry a Detachment of men belonging to that Settlement, and if it be not an improper request give us leave to ask also your permission for one of your Ships to take in a few Poles

of Broad Cloth which arrived from England this year for Bombay and which we see no prospect of our being able otherwise to send thither. We beg your acceptance of our thanks for the great readiness you have always shewn to do anything for the benefit of the service, and for the offer you now make of returning hither, should we receive any Advices of Moment from Europe after your departure we shall immediately communicate them to you.

We are
SIR
Your most obed^{t}. humble servants

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.
THE 29TH. SEPT^{R}. 1755.

GEORGE PIGOT &c^{a}. Council.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Sum of Four thousand four hundred ninety six Rupees, and an half, having been deposited in the Honble Companys Cash at Vizagapatam, on the 1st. Instant, by M^{r}. James Bound, belonging to the Estate of the late Captain Stephen Holloway Bunyon Deceased, conformable to the Directions of the Honble the Mayors Court at Madraspatnam, bearing date the 31st. July last.

I am in consequence thereof, Order'd by the said Mayors Court to desire that your Honour &c^{a}. would now be pleased to Pay the abovementioned Sum into their hands.

I am with respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient servant,

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.
26TH. SEPTEMBER 1755.

DANIEL MORSE,
Reg^{r}.

TO THE PRESIDENT & COUNCIL OF
FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

From the present situation of the Company's Affairs, there appears to me no necessity for his Majesty's Squadron remaining longer on this Coast, and as the time of the Monsoons breaking up is near at hand, it will be unsafe for his Majesty's Ships to continue longer than the first week in October; therefore about that time I intend to sail, and as all the Ships are in want of some repairs, I purpose going to Bombay to refit them, where in all probability I shall receive some Instructions from England, for my farther proceedings, but should any advices arrive after my sailing which may make it necessary for his Majestys Squadron to return here again, I will upon your giving me notice, make the best of my way to this Coast, so soon as the Squadron can possibly be got in a condition to proceed to Sea.

I am
GENTLEMEN
Your most obedient humble servant,
CHARLES WATSON.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.
26TH. SEPTEMBER 1755.

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SIR

An Indisposition, which has been upon me for these two Days past (being twice let blood for it) prevented me from waiting on you this morning at your House, as I fully Intended: However that need not retard the Committees, laying what Charges they please against me, before the Council, I dont see that my Presence is more necessary at one, then it was at the other; Especially as all the same Men sitt one only expected. I shall be prepared by Two O'Clock, to lay every thing before the Commander in Chief, of the Forces; and shall at the same time acquaint you, what Gentlemen I shall call to give Evidence at the General Court Martial and Hopes the Committee will have their Evidences ready also that no further delays may be given.

I shall be much obliged to you Sir If you'll grant me an Order, for a Boat, to send some things to Fort S^{t}. Davids.

The Bearer waits upon you
for the Copy Book of Letters,
and Other Letters, which I left
with You.

I am
SIR
Your very humble & Obed^{t}. Servant
ALEXANDER HERON.

SIR

The President has laid before the Council the Letter he received from you this Morning, as he has also the proceedings of the Committee in the enquiry made into Your Conduct on the late Expedition to Madura and Tinnevelly, they have maturely considered every Article of the Charge, as well as what you write in your Justification, and direct me to Acquaint you.

That they Judge you guilty of breach of Orders in not having settled Accounts with the Pollygars jointly with M^{r}. Maunsell and the Nabob's Officers in the manner you were directed by the Committee, and in not putting their Orders to return immediately into execution on receit of them. And

That you have perverted the intention of your Commission by applying to your own use and that of other private persons all the ready money collected from the Pollygars except 3000 Rupees instead of bringing the same to the Company's Account. In consequence hereof the Presid^{t}. & Council think themselves in Duty to their Employers under a necessity of suspending you from your seat in Council untill the Company's pleasure be known.

I am
SIR
Your most Obed^{t}. humble Servant,

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.
29TH. SEPT^{R}. 1755.

JOSIAS DUPRE,
Secry.

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Sailed Ship Vencataisha, Gungaloo, for Vizagapatam.

Sent by Pattamar General Letter to Bombay, dated this day.

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Sailed Ketch Boneta, John Edwards for Bengal. 1

d°. Ship Adventure, John Bogle for Vizagapatam. 2

Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort S^{t}. David dated this day. —

Arrived Ship Indian Queen, John Mills from Bengal. 4

Sailed his Majestys Ship Tyger Captn. Thomas Lathem for Fort S^{t}. David with 100000 Rupees & 2000 Pagodas for the use of that settlement. —

Received by Tappies General Letter from Fort S^{t}. David dated the 30th. ultimo. 4

Arriv'd Sloop George, Thomas Reason from Bandarmalanka with General Letter from that Settlement dated the 6th. Ulto. 6

Arrived Ship Success Galley, Peter Duncan, from Bengal. 7

Arrived Sloop Sea Horse, Christopher Oliphant from Bengal. 8

Sailed Ship Indian Queen, John Mills for Fort S^{t}. David & Bombay. —

Arriv'd Snow Don Carlos, Ballea from Ingeram with Bales from that Settlement, as also a General Letter dated the 2^{d}. Sept^{r}. Duplicate of which was received overland on the 14th. ultimo. 9

Sailed Sloop Sea Horse, Christopher Oliphant for Fort S^{t}. David. —

Signed General Letter to Bombay dated this day to be sent with his Majesty's Squadron. —

Arriv'd Ship Swallow Galley David Lang from Bengal. 10

Sailed his Majesty's Ships Kent { Admiral Watson / Henry Speke }
Cumberland { Admiral Pocock / John Harrison }
Salisbury Thomas Knowler
Bridgwater William Martin
King-fisher Smith
} for Bombay. —

Received by Tappies Gen^{l}. Letter from Fort S^{t}. David dated 7th. October. 11

Arrived Snow Fortune Owen Williams from Bandarmalanka with Gen^{l}. Letter dated 25th. ult°. & 215 Bales from that Settlement. —

Arrived the Honble Company's Ship Hardwicke, John Samson from Bengal with General Letter dated the 12th. Ultimo from the Gentlemen there and one from M^{r}. Henry Kellsall at Ingellee dated the 20th. Ultimo. —

Arrived Ketch Adventure John Pickering from Bengal. —

Received by Peons General Letter from Ingeram dated 23^{d}. Sept^{r}. —

Sailed Success Galley Peter Duncan for Fort S^{t}. David & Bombay. 12

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY THE 13TH. GEORGE PIGOT ESQR: GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.	HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.	ALEXANDER WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.	JOHN SMITH.

Mr. Chas. Bourchier absent with Leave.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 29th. ultimo read and sign'd.

General Letters read Vizt.

Genl. Letters read Vizt. From Fort St. David.

No. 128 & 130 From the Deputy Governour and Council at Fort St. David, The first dated the 30th. ultimo acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 21st. and enclosing their Accounts of Profit and Loss to the 30th. of April 1755, to which they desire our Answer that they may close their General Books; Desiring also our Permission for disposing of some Stores in the Garrison at publick Outcry which are unfitt for service as ℔ the List they Enclose us. That they observe what we wrote to them in Answer to their Paragraph about the Investment, That they are very sorry their Endeavours to improve the Manufacture should bear so unfortunate a Construction, but that they can assert with Truth, their only motive for turning out so large a Proportion of cloth was to induce the Merchants to mend their hands on account of the continual Complaints made by our Honble Masters, but however the present Juncture being not so favourable, they must wait a better Opportunity, and in the mean time shall observe our Directions for relaxing their strictness in sorting as much as possible. That they shall comply with our Orders for sending up Nella Chitty's cloth if we think proper to repeat them, but represent at the same time that such a step must be attended with bad consequences, as it will, utterly destroy their Influence with the Merchants, and therefore hope we will dispense with it. That they are so particular in the pointing out this Mans ill Performance, because they had so much Reason to expect better from him, as he was introduced into the Investment there professedly with a view to improve it. That they have resorted his Worriarpollam Cloth and accepted with Difficulty about two thirds which is kept in the Godown till our Pleasure is known; but the other sortments he has brought in being more tollerable, they have been accepted and sent to the Washers and Dyers the Quantity however is very inconsiderable; That the Merchants in General having often sollicited to have their turned out Cloth given back without the chop and still persisting in their Request tho it has always been refused them, as being contrary to Custom, they desire our Instructions, The other dated the 7th. October serves only to acknowledge the Receipt of our Letter of the 2d. with the Invoice and Bills of Lading enclosed and to accompany their Consultations & Monthly Accounts for August.

From Bandarmalanka.

N. 129 & 132 from Mr. John Andrews Resident at Bandarmalanka, The first dated the 6th. Ultimo advising us that the Bales were then loading and would be dispatched in a few days. Enclosing his monthly Accounts for August and the Duplicate Books for last Year Ending 30th. April 1755, Cloth on hand 188 Bales. The other dated the 25th. of the same Month Enclosing Invoice and Bill of Lading for 215 Bales he has consigned us by the Fortune Snow, and acquainting us that he would have sent them sooner had not the Weather been very stormy for some days & prevented his sending them on board. That in a violent storm the Long Boat he had sent on board was obliged to be cut away from the Vessel and was lost, which is the more to be regretted as there are no Mussoolahs or any other Boats to send off on an Emergency. That a French Sloop was blown out of the Road at Narasapore and two Boats lost which were loaded with Bales and other Goods. That he had just received

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our Letter of the 8th. Ultimo and thanks us for the supply of Pagodas sent him by the Cuddalore Sloop, which he thinks will be sufficient for this year and that our Orders in regard to the Freedom of Trade shall be punctually obeyed.

From Ingeram. N. 131 From Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram dated the 23d. of September, acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 8th. with the Papers enclosed. That it is with real concern he observes our Remarks on the small quantity of Cloth he had on hand when he last addressed us, and that the Reasons he had assigned for it were not satisfactory, as we say the Factories of Vizagapatam and Madapollam lay under the same Disadvantages he complained of and yet made greater Progress tho' he had more Encouragement than Mr. Andrews in the Allowance of Fine Goods. In answer to all which he remarks that the severe Reprimands he had lately experienced from the Board made him very cautious in his sortments, which he beleives the Cloth he consign'd us the latter End of August will prove, and yet the Quantity (& he hopes the Quality) will be found to equal any of his Predecessors; As a Proof of which notwithstanding the Difference of the Times he encloses an Account of what was sent each year from that Settlement from 1736 to 1746, when Madapollam was again withdrawn, That it is with all submission he begs Leave to differ from us in Opinion regarding the situation of Vizagapatam as that Place has only the settlement of Bimlepatam to contend with; and that is now but of little Effect since the Dutch have carried on the greatest Part of their Cloth Business at Cokinana near Ingeram and the French have resolved to carry on their Investment at Yanam which is still nearer, and besides a great Part of the Vizagapatam Investment is supplied from Uppara a Settlement subordinate to it tho' but 30 miles from Ingeram, That he hopes all he has said on the subject will be looked on in a good light as it is only intended to vindicate himself from an Imputation of Neglect which he would by no Means be thought deserving of. And That he hopes to invest by the last of January all the supplies we have sent him this season Enclosing a Duplicate account of Quick Stock. Cloth on

Cor. Pcs.	Cor. Pcs.	Cor. Pcs.

hand L.C.O. 29. 9. L.C.M. 5. 14. L.C.F. 12. 11.

From Bengal. N. 133 from the President and Council of Fort William dated the 12th. Ultimo Duplicate of their last dated the 12th. July and acknowledging the Receipt of our's of the 18th. July and 3d. August Hardwicke and Eastcourt. Observing that tho' the Hardwicke arrived on the Coast so early as the 19th. June, she did not import at that Settlement till the 2d. of August, which Detention might have been a means of preventing their sending up a Ship in September agreeable to our Request, They therefore desire we will in future dispatch such Ships as are destined for that Settlement to them as soon as we have landed the consignments for this Presidency Receiving early advices from the Company in Relation to their Investment being of the greatest Importance to them. That tho' they have not yet received the Information We promised to give them in our Letter of the 21st. June, as to releiving the Denham this season, they have order'd Captain Evans to hold the Eastcourt in Readiness to proceed to the Negrais upon the first Notice, and therefore can incurr no Manner of Blame, if the Denham is not releived so as to be returned home in Charter Party Time. That they have laden on board the Hardwicke, under dispatch for this Presidency, three hundred Tons of Salt Petre, her Charter Party Tonnage of Redwood and compleated the Loading with Bale Goods as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Loading they enclose amounting to Curt. Rs. 574700. —. —. That they have also consigned by the same Ship the usual Stores for the Gentlemen at St. Helena and that Mr. Henry Kellsall who is to dispatch the ship from Ingellee will advise us of what else may be needfull, Requesting to be informed What Allowance we give to the young Engineer's who came out with Mr. Robins.

Genl. Letters read.

Genl. Letters.

From Mr. Henry Kelsall at Ingellee. N. 134 from Mr. Henry Kellsal at Ingelle dated the 20th. Septr. advising the Dispatch of the Hardwicke to us. That he had been obliged to protest against the Captain and refers us for the Reasons to the Protest which he encloses. That he had endorsed off the Bills of Lading 210 Bags of Salt Petre

which the Captain refused to take in as he thought it his Duty not to detain the ship for such a Trifle, especially as it was so late in the season That two Lascars named Balew and Serabdee desired him to mention them to us that they may be discharged and paid at this Settlement according to Agreement, Enclosing Report Survey of the Hardwickes Ammunition, &c^{a}. Muster Roll of her Crew, and 1st. Bill of Lading and acquainting us that the Captain had objected two Twenty Bales of salt Petre damaged in coming down.

Treasure to be sent to Vizagapatam.

The Gentlemen at Vizagapatam being in Want of Pagodas for their Investment Agreed that Five thousand be sent them by Peons overland and a further supply as Occasions may offer and as there are but a few in the Cash chest Agreed that Twenty one thousand nine hundred and Fifty current Pagodas be advanced to Linga Chitty on contract (which he has offered to engage in) to deliver twenty thousand Madrass Pagodas Part immediately and the Remainder in Twenty Days being after the Rate of nine and three Quarters ℔ Cent.

Madrass Pagodas to be purchased.

Bengal to be wrote to.

A sett of Bengal Pattamars being now here, Order'd that they be returned and by that conveyance it is Agreed to write in answer to their Letters of the 12th. of July and 12th. Sept^{r}. that we should have been concerned had the late arrival of the Hardwicke prevented their sending a ship this Month, but we should not have been to blame, as that particular ship could not have been dispatched to them from hence before the Time she actually did sail had her Arrival been sooner or later, as the Treasure could not be got ready sooner, and they may always depend on our dispatching to them the ships bound thither as soon as possible. That we have already wrote them in regard to releiving the Denham and should have done it sooner but that we expected such Advices by the Dodington as might have led us to further Resolutions in regard to the Negrais.

St. David to be wrote to.

Agreed to write to the Gentlemen at Fort S^{t}. David that we consent to their writing to the head of Profit & Loss the several Accounts of Loss and Gain they sent us and as we observe the greatest Part of the Loss in the Storekeepers Account is from a Deficiency in Arrack we would have what still remains sold off immediately, and never replaced without our Permission, That the decayed Stores may be sold at Outcry. That they misinterpret our Letter in regard to Nella Chitty, who was not introduced professedly with a view of improving the Investment (tho' we hoped it might have had the Effect) but to break the combination that had been formed amongst their Merchants which succeeded so far that those, who had declined receiving any further Advances, entered into new Contracts, That it is now too late to send up Nella Chittees Cloth but we recommend to them in future to comply with our Orders without waiting for a Repetition, that too rigid a Behaviour towards the Merchants may deter them from bringing in any cloth at all, That the Method of chopping the Cloth in the middle might have had a good Effect when it was first introduced, but as there are many more Difficulties to contend with now, we content ourselves with chopping it at the End as a mark that it may not be brought in again and they must do the same.

Letter from Colonel Heron refusing to pay Attention to the Secretary's Letter to him acquainting him of his Suspension from his Seat at the Board.

Letter from Alexander Heron Esq^{r}. read as enter'd hereafter acquainting the Board that he had received a Letter from the Secretary with Notice of his being suspended from his Seat in Council, but as he has no Concerns with the Secretary and the Council frequently sign Letters of less Consequence, he cannot think of paying any attention to such an Order of suspension unless sign'd by them.

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The Board are of Opinion the Notice by the Secretary is sufficient.

Lieut. Peyer resigns His Commission to go to Europe on account of his wounds. A Gratuity given him in Consideration of his Misfortune. Certificates given him & Lieut. Merriman of their Behaviour.

The President acquaints the Board that Lieut^{t}. John Conrad de Peyer of Captain Polier's Company of Swiss having been desperately wounded in an Action near Tritchinopoly has desired to resign his Commission and return to Europe Agreed that his Request be granted as he is induced to leave this Country on account of Painfulness of his wounds in the hot season and as he is not in circumstances to provide for his Passage, Agreed that a Gratuity of two hundred Pagodas be given him in consideration of his misfortune, that he have Leave to take his Passage in the Hardwicke as well as Lieut^{t}. Lawrence Merriman, who resign'd his Commission some time ago on account of the Badness of his health, and that they both have Certificates of their Behaviour.

Ensign Ziegler & Volunteer Parrot to be promoted in Captn. Polier's Compy in consequence of Lieutt. Peyer's Resignation.

Captain Polier having recommended Ensign Conrad Ziegler to succeed to the vacant Lieutenancy in his Company occasioned by the Resignation of Lieut^{t}. John Conrad de Peyer and Voluntier Leonard Parrot to succeed as an Ensign in the Room of Conrad Ziegler, Order'd that Commissions be drawn out for them accordingly.

An Ensign's Brevet given to Mr. John Fabry to succeed on the West Coast.

Mr. John Fabry who came out as a Cadet last year being desirous of proceeding to the West Coast to succeed there and as they are frequently in want of Officers, Agreed that a Brevet be granted as an Ensign to succeed to the 1st. vacancy that may happen there after his Arrival.

The Committee of Accounts to make Enquiry in regard to the Payment of Captn. Schaub's Detachment whilst Prisoners at Pondicherry, & report.

The Lights that the Board have hitherto been able to obtain in regard to the Payment of Captn. Schaub's Detachment whilst Prisoners at Pondicherry taken notice of in the 74th. Paragraph of the Company's General Letter dated the 31st. of January not being satisfactory, Agreed that it be referr'd to the Committee of Accounts to make further enquiry and report the same to the Board.

The Prince George to be dispatched to the Negrais &c. Mr. Thos. Hague to be provisional Commander during Captn. Burman's ill state of health.

Agreed that the Prince George be dispatched to the Negrais to lay there as a Guard ship in the Room of the Denham and Captain Edward Burman the Commander being in so bad a state of Health as to be incapable of proceeding in her, Agreed that Mr. Thomas Hague the Chief Mate be put in the Command for the present.

Blue Cloth and Cambays provided for the West Coast to be paid for & kept till a Conveyance offers.

A Parcel of Blue Cloth and Cambays having been provided for the West Coast, Ordered that they be sorted valued and paid for and kept in the Godown untill a Conveyance offer.

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Letter from Captn. Samson representing the weakly condition of his Ship from the Loss of many of his Officers & Men.

Letter from Captain John Samson read as entered hereafter representing that his Ship is in so weak a condition by the Loss of many Officers and Men at Bengal that he is obliged to apply to the Board to assist him if possible with Officers and a Surgeon and as he apprehends he cannot be supplied with Europeans he intends to fill up the vacancies with Lascars.

Enquiry to be made for proper Persons to serve as Officers & what of the Military as are unfitt for service but capable of working their passage be discharged for that Purpose.

Agreed that Enquiry be made for proper persons to serve as Officers and that such of the Military as may be unfitt for service here but capable of working their Passage home be discharged for that Purpose.

Letter from Captn. Samson requesting salt Petre at half Freight.

Another Letter from Captain Samson read as entered hereafter requesting Salt Petre at half Freight and,

Resolution thereon.

There being two hundred Tons now on board Agreed that as many Bales be sent off as can be conveniently stowed and that all the Tonnage that shall then be on board over and above the Charter Party quantity be reckoned as so much Salt Petre at half freight.

Presents to be made the Nabob before his Departure.

The Nabob Anaverde Cawn Behauder who has been here some time to settle Affairs with the Company being on his Departure, Agreed that the Presents mentioned in a List also now produced and entered hereafter, be distributed, to him and his Attendants and that Twenty five Gold Mohurs and the Joys, mentioned in a List also now produced and entered hereafter, be distributed amongst his Wives and their Attendants.

The Commissary lays before the Board the Accounts of that Employ for three Months digested in a set of Books.

The Commissary lays before the Board the Accounts of that Employ for the 1st. 2d. & 3d. Months of the present year digested in a set of Books which the Board approve.

Money paid in from the Mayors Court Acct. Fines & Forfeitures.

Letter from the Register of the Mayor's Court read as enter'd hereafter, acquainting the Board that he is ordered to pay in five Pagodas for a Fine levied by the Court.

Order'd that it be received and carried to the head of Fines and Forfeitures.

A sett of Bills of Exchs. drawn on the Company.

A set of Bills of Exchange of this date is now sign'd, drawn on the Honble Court of Directors at Ninety days sight at their stated Exchange of seven shillings and eight Pence ℔ Pagoda for four hundred and fifty three Pagodas, fourteen fanams and thirty Cash payable to Timothy Tullie or order value received of Richard Starke Esqr.

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Three Months Allowances for Admiral Watson's Table paid

The President acquaints the Board the 9th. Instant he paid out of the Company's cash the sum four hundred and sixty Pagodas for ninety two days from the 30th. June to the 1st. Instant for the allowance of Five Pagodas a day to defray the Charges of Admiral Watson's Table And

Advance to the Commiss.

That by Order of the Committee for Affairs of Country Government he drew on the Treasury for thirty thousand Rupees and issued the same to the Commissary.

Money paid in by the Import Ware Ho. Kr.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in three thousand Pagodas (3000) on his running account.

By the Sea Customer.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in One thousand Pagodas (1000) on his Running Account.

by the Storekeeper.

Alexander Wynch Storekeeper pays in three thousand and six Pagodas, two fanams & thirty five Cash (3006–2–35) in full for the Ballance of that Account for last Month.

Rents paid in Vizt.

Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Permaul Kellava Chitty pay in the following Rents Vizt.

of the Beetle & Tobacco Farm.

Six hundred and sixty six Pagodas twenty four fanams (666–24–) for one Months Rent of the Beetle and Tobacco Farm due the 1st. Ultimo Three hundred and thirty three Pagodas twelve fanams (333–12) for one month's Rent of the arrack and wine License due the 1st. ultimo One hundred and sixty six Pagodas twenty four fanams (166–24) for two Months Rent of the Measuring Duty due the 1st. ultimo.

of the Arrack & Wine License.

of the Measuring Duty.

of the Town Brokerage.

Three hundred and fifty Pagodas (350) for six Months Rent of the Two Brokerage due the 1st. ultimo.

Rayal Pundat pays in the following Rents Vizt.

of the Poonemallee Country.

Four thousand (4000) Pagodas, which with Twelve thousand (12000) Pagodas paid in the 28th. July and six thousand paid in the 8th. September is in full for six Months Rent of the Poonemalee Country due the 30th. June at which time the Cowle expired and

of the Poonemalee Jagueer.

Two thousand one hundred (2100) Pagodas in full for six Months Rent of the Poonemalee Jagueer due the 30th. June last, when that cowle also expired.

Rents paid in of Egmore &ca. villages.

Gruapah Farmer of Egmore &ca. Villages pays in one thousand four hundred and fifty Pagodas (1450) in full for one years Rent of that Farm due the 1st. ultimo when that Cowle expired.

of Chingalaput.

Oppajee Nayenar Renter of Chingalaput pays in Five thousand (5000) Pagodas which, with six thousand Pagodas paid in the 15th. Ultimo, is in full for six Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. August last.

of Covelong.

Pushponatha Nayenar Renter of Covelong, pays in Two thousand (2000) Pagodas which, with two thousand Pagodas paid in the 15th. ultimo, is in full for six Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. August last, when that Cowle expired.

Advance to the Military Storekeeper.

Agreed that Eleven hundred (1100) Pagodas be advanced the Military Storekeeper for the Charges of that Employ.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR: WYNCH.
WILLM: PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.

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HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I have received a Letter (dated the 29th. Septr.) from your Secretary Mr. Du Pre acquainting me with being suspended from my seat in Council But as I have no Concerns with him and you frequently sign General Letters of less consequence, I cannot think of paying any Attention to such an Order of Suspension unless signed by the whole Council.

I am
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble servt.

ALEXR. HERON.

St. THOME,
3D. OCTOBER 1755.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of
FORT St. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Hardwicke's Company having greatly suffered by Sickness and Mortality from the Fatigue's of unloading & Loading the said Ships in the Rains at Bengal, has reduced us to a very weak condition, therefore am obliged to request the Favour of your Honour &ca's. Assistance to fill up those Vacancies with People qualified for the several stations; my Chief Mate being dead am greatly in want of one in his Room to go either for Chief or Second, as he may be best qualified. My Surgeon's Mate is dead and Surgeon expected to die daily, so that it will be necessary for me to have a Surgeon's Mate and for him to succeed to Surgeon upon the others Decease: My Boatswain is likewise dead who was a useful Officer and I have no one on board qualified to fill up that station; As to Seamen I imagine you cannot give any supply of Europeans therefore shall fill up those Vacancy's with Lascars.

I am with great Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble servt.

JOHN SAMSON.

FORT St. GEORGE,
13th. October 1755.

To the Honble the Governour
& Council of FORT St. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Having landed near one hundred Tons of Salt Petre and finding it will take up a Considerable Time to get at more as well as render my Ship unable to carry sail I am to request your Honour &ca. will let the Remainder continue on board, and I promise on behalf of my Owners that any surplus Tonnage I may be able to take in shall be accounted for in Salt Petre and at half freight only.

I am HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient hble servant
JOHN SAMSON.

FORT St. GEORGE,
13th October 1755.

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To the Honble GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I am directed by the Honble the Mayor's Court to acquaint your Honour &ca. that they have this day order'd the sum of Five (5) Pagodas which they have latey levied by Fines, to be paid into the Honble Company's Cash.

I am with Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servant

DANIEL MORSE *Register.*

FORT ST. GEORGE,
7th. October 1755.

LIST OF PRESENTS TO NABOB ANAVERDE CAWN AND HIS ATTENDANTS.

Broad Cloth Fine Scarlet Superfine ..	10 pcs.					
Yellow do. ..	2					
	12 pcs.	Pags.	432	—	—	
Broad Cloth double Colour Scarlet and Green	2 do.		175	—	—	
Broad Aurora	3 do.		55	4	40	
Do. Ordinary red	2 do.		28	—	—	
Perpetuanoes fine	5 do.		41	24	—	
Do. Ordinary red	5 do.		30	—	—	
Imboss'd Cloth	2 do.		52	18	—	
Do. Carpets 6						
Do. Large do. 2 ..			39	9	—	
	8 carpets					
Velvets Crimson	4 pcs.					
Green	2 do.					
	6 pieces.		480	—	—	
Shawls Yellow	2 pcs.					
White	2 do.					
Pink	2 do.					
	— 6 pcs.		16	18	—	
						1350 1 40
1 Pair Pistols Silvermounted		Pags.	25	26	—	
1 pr. do. do.			24	—	—	
1 Silver mounted Gun			38	—	—	
1 pr. Looking Glasses large			25	—	—	
1 Chest of Rosewater			6	9	—	
						118 35 —

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PRESENTS to his Wives.

1 Hairpiece sett with Diamonds	Pags.	186	—	—	
1 Gold watch with a Diamond chain		452	35	50	
1 Silver Figure of St. George ...		73	18	—	
1 pr. Large Emerald Ear rings.		60	—	—	
1 Emerald Ring with Roses ...		32	18	—	
1 Silver chased Teakettle & Lamp with large Waiter		160	—	—	
1 Tweezer Case with Microscopes		11	25	16	
7 Perspective Glasses with 7 Setts of Pictures		80	18	—	
					1057 6 66
	Pagodas ...				2526 7 26

Sent by Pattamars the following General Letters.

13th. To Vizagapatam. Ingeram. Bandarmalanka. Fort St. David. Bengal. — ALL dated this day.

14th. Sailed the Swallow Galley David Lang for Fort St. David & Bombay.

15th. Arrived Snow Hartop, John Herot from Vizagapatam with Bales on the Company's Account & a General Letter dated the 29th. September.

— Received by Peons General Letter from Bandarmalanka dated the 1st. Instant.

— Sailed Snow Don Carlos, Ballo Syrang for Ingeram.

— do. Sloop George, Thomas Reason, for Bandarmalanka.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.

WEDNESDAY THE 15th.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.	HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.	ALEXANDER WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.	JOHN SMITH.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

Charge agreed to be exhibited agt. Coll. Heron at the Court Martial.

The President acquaints the Board that the Members of the Court Martial appointed by Colonel Adlercron for the Tryal of the Colonel Heron being all arrived and intending to sit in a few days he had assembled the Council at this Time to consider of the Form and Substance of the articles to be exhibited against him and of the Proofs and Manner of supporting the charge, after Deliberation It is agreed that the charge be exhibited in four Articles and in the following Manner.

WHEREAS Alexander Heron Esqr. Major of the forces of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies on the Coast of Choromandel having in consequence of certain Orders to him given by George Pigot Esqr. President & Governour of Fort St. George &ca. and others of the Council thereof bearing date the 4th. Day of February 1755 proceeded on an Expedition into the Madura and Tinnevelly Countries with a part of the said United

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Company's Forces under his Command. The said President and Council charge the said Major Alexander Heron with having been guilty during the said Expedition.

FIRST OF PERVERTING THE INTENTION of his Commission.

SECONDLY OF LAYING or for his own private Advantage authorising a Duty on the Necessaries of Life brought into Garrison for the Use of the Soldiers.

THIRDLY OF Breach of Orders.

FOURTHLY OF Behaving in a manner unbecoming an Officer.

The Board having then considered of and agreed on the Proofs to be produced and the witnesses to be called in support of the several Articles of the Charge, It is Agreed that the Secretary to this Board be and he accordingly is hereby deputed to attend the Court Martial in the Name and on the behalf of the President & Council to deliver in the Charge, produce the Proofs, call and examine the Witnesses now agreed on and to do all such Things as shall be needfull for supporting the Articles proposed and agreed to be exhibited against Colonel Heron according to Justice, Equity & good Conscience.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.

Sailed Ketch Adventure John Pickering for the Malabar Coast. 17

do. Ship George (formerly called the Dragon) Andrew Karr for Pegue. 18

Arrived Sloop Success John Gray from Bengal. 21

Sailed the Honble Company's Ship Prince George Thos. Hague for Negrais with General Letter dated Yesterday. 22

Sailed Sloop Success John Gray for Fort St. David. —

Sign'd General Letter to Fort Marlbro to go by a Vessell now in the Road bound thither. —

Received by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated the 20th. October. 23d.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT. THURSDAY THE 23d.

STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEXANDER WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.

Mr. Perceval . . . *at Camp.*
Mr. Bourchier . . . *absent with Leave.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of the two last Consultations dated the 13th. and 15th. Instant read and signed.

General Letters read VIZr. Genl. Letters read from Vizagapatam.

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N. 135 From Charles Boddam Esq^{r}. Chief &c^{a}. Council at Vizagapatam dated the 29th. September acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 8th. of that Month, and acquainting us that the Cuddalore Sloop sailed for the Negrais this 26th, the consignments having been first landed, That the Advertisement for encouraging a free Trade has been published That they dispatched the Hartop with 606 Bales amounting to Forty five thousand four hundred and seventy six Pagodas, fifteen fanams and two Cash, and hope we shall be as well pleased with the Quality as Quantity of the Cloth. That their Cash is low, their Merchants Ballances small, and as there is a Prospect of making a large Investment by February they request a supply of twenty five or thirty thousand Pagodas. That the Bales directed to be wash'd without Congee are distinguish'd in the Invoice by a Particular Mark; That the Fabrick of Salempores having been discontinued for some time their Merchants were with Difficulty prevailed on to renew it however they have promised a Quantity by next Dispatch. That they send us by the Hartop six Deserters to be punished, also the usual Books of that Settlement.

From Bandarmalanka.

N. 136 from M^{r}. John Andrews Resident at Bandarmalanka dated the 1st. October, Enclosing Account Quick Stock Muster Roll, and Accounts of that Settlement for last month, and acquainting us that their Situation being extremely unhealthy he had been obliged to build some necessary apartments on a rising Ground conveniently situated for Business, and having long since acquainted the President thereof he hopes it will be approved, the Expences of which are now brought to account.

From Fort St. David.

N. 137 From the Deputy Governor &c^{a}. Council at Fort S^{t}. David dated the 20th. October acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 13th. Enclosing M^{r}. Call's Covenants executed, and acquainting us that he has named for his Securities in England M^{r}. John Call who will name another Enclosing their account Quickstock and advising that notwithstanding our Orders in regard to the Payment of the Troops Captain Caillaud and M^{r}. Maunsell still continue to send in their Rolls, desiring our Directions thereon. That there are two Men lately confined there on Suspicion of murdering a Jemidar's Child desiring our Orders how to proceed.

Treasure to be sent to Vizagapatam p^{r} Hartop.

Agreed that thirty thousand (30000) Rupees and Seven thousand (7000) Madrass Pagodas be sent to Vizagapatam by the Hartop Snow for the use of that Settlement.

Letter from the Committee of Accounts.

Letter from the Committee of Accounts read as entered hereafter representing that the three Gentlemen of the Committee who are Members of the Council had been so much engaged in publick Affairs, as to prevent the Committee's meeting to compleat the Examination of Accounts, and that the necessary Business of their several Employs would not admitt of their attending till after the Hardwicke's Dispatch, That they have examined the Cash & Treasury accounts but defer laying before the Board their observations untill they report the June Accounts.

Letter from the Mayor's Court enclosing an additional List of Fees for its Officers.

Letter from the Register of the Mayor's Court dated the 14th. Instant and serving to accompany an Additional List of Fees for the several Officers of the Mayor's Court.

To lye on the Table.

Order'd that the said Letter and List do lye on the Table to be consider'd after the Hardwicke's Dispatch.

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The Accountant lays before the Board and Estimate of Treasure wanted for the Service of the Coast the present year, whereby it appears that the Receipts do not amount to so much as the total to be disbursed by upwards of two hundred and thirty four thousand Pagodas. Order'd that a Copy thereof be sent in the Packet ℔ Hardwicke.

Estimate of Treasure Wanted for the service of the coast, laid before the Board.

The following Bills of Exchange of this Date are now sign'd, drawn on the Honble Court of Directors at their stated Exchange of seven shillings and Eight Pence at Ninety day's sight, value received here into the Honble Company's Cash. Vizt.

Two sets of Bills of Exchange drawn on the Court of Directors.

1 Sett to Peter Roberts Esqr. or order value of Mr. Claud Russell or Account of Mr. George Dolben for forty Pounds Vizt.

1 Sett to Peter Roberts Esqr. or order for Forty Pounds sterl. or one hundred and four Pagodas twelve fanams and forty one Cash, value of Charles Boddam Esqr.	£ 40	—	—		104	12	41
1 Sett to Mr. Thomas Subton or order Value of Mr. Claud Russell on account of Mr. George Dolben for forty Pounds Sterl. or One hundred and four Pagodas twelve fanams & forty one Cash	40	—	—		104	12	41
2 Setts amounting to	£ 80	—	—	Ps.	208	25	2

Draught of the General Letter to the Honble Court of Directors to go by the Hardwicke is now read and approved as also the Import Warehouse, Storehouse and Military Storehouse Indents.

Draught of the General Letter to the Company read & approved.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.

JOHN SMITH.

To the Honble GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We beg leave to acquaint you that since our last Address, at a meeting held the 24th. Septr. the President inform'd us that he and the two other Members of our Committee who are of Council had been so much engaged with Publick Affairs as prevented his assembling the Committee sooner for compleating the Examination of Accounts and those three Gentlemen at the same time declared, that they were apprehensive the necessary Business in their other Avocations would not admit of their meeting again till after the Hardwicke's Dispatches to Europe.

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The Cash and Treasury Accounts were all that were inspected at that Setting, Our observations on which We beg Leave to defer laying before you till all the Accounts for June are examined.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedt. humble Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN WALSH.
JAMES ALEXANDER.
JAMES BOURCHIER.

FORT STR. GEORGE,
20TH. OCTOBER 1755.

FORT ST. GEORGE.

Dr. Estimate of the Disbursements dependant on the Presidency of Fort St. George for one year and of the Ballances, Incomes and Receipts.

To Disbursements Pags. 1142308—10—32 being the Total of one Year extracted from the General Books ending 30th. April 1755 on account of the following Employs and subordinates.			
Advanced the following Persons Vizt.			
To the Paymaster	46000	—	—
To the Military Paymaster	71812	22	28
To the Military Storekeeper	15600	—	—
To the Commissary	223564	31	16
To the Companys Merchants	101493	28	64
To the Painters	20000	—	—
Sent to the following Places Vizt.			
To Fort St. David	498428	20	50
To Vizagapatam Factory	43218	—	—
To Ingeram Factory	44000	—	—
To Madapollam Factory	44000	—	—
To Negrais Island	10181	15	34
To Fort Marlborough paid for Bills of Exchs. drawn on us from thence	24000	—	—
To Charges of the Mayor's Court	900	—	—
Carried over. Pagodas	1143208	10	32

By Balances to the 23d. of October.						
Treasury Ballance.						
Silver ¼ chest 1332 ozs. @ 5 8 ₱ oz. makes £. 377 8 @ 8 Shills. ₱ Pagoda	943	18	—			
Current Pagodas ..	27562	1	70			
Arcot Rups. 768253 —11—@ 380 ₱ %.	202172	—	70			
Rupees 8235 @ 330 ₱ %. ..	2495	16	30			
				233173	1	10
Mint Ballance.						
Arcot Rupees 170731—7 @ 380 ₱ %.	44929	11	58			
Rupees 7630 @ 380 ₱ %.	2312	4	28			
				47241	16	6
Ballance of Cash..	39984	35	41			
Madrass Pagodas.	7861	24	10			
				47846	23	51
						328261 4 67
By Incomes.						
Fixed Revenue dependant on Fort St. George for one year as ₱ List thereof						148909 — —
Monies receivable on Countries lately given by the Nabob Rs. 800000 @ 360 ₱ %						222222 8 —
Carried over Pags. ..						699392 12 67

N.B.—No part of this Money will come in before the Month of May.

Brought forward ..			1143208	10	32	
Pagodas ..			1143208	10	32	

Brought forward ..				699392	12	67
Receipts computed to be made in this year by the Receipts made last year Viz^{t}.						
Sea Customs	33125	28	63			
Land Customs	6504	—	—			
Mint Customs	1605	—	—			
				41234	28	63
Sales computed to be made in this year by the sales made last year.						
Sales out of the Import Warehouse	153025	14	18			
Sales out of the Storehouse ..	14646	15	38			
				167671	29	56
				908298	35	26
By Ballance				234909	11	6
Pagodas ..				1143208	10	32

ROBERT ORME
Accountant.

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Sailed Snow Fortune Owen William for Bandarmalanka. 24

Sailed Snow Hartop John Heriot for Vizagapatam with Gen^{l}. Letter of this Date. 25

Sailed Snow Prince Edward John Whiteway for Bencoolen. —

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEXANDER WYNCH.
——— ———. JOHN SMITH.

MONDAY THE 27TH.

M^{r}. William Perceval *at Camp.*

M^{r}. Cha^{s}. Bourchier *absent with Leave.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation read & sign'd.

Report of the Hardwicke's Ammunition & Warlike Stores.

The Paymaster and Captain of the Train deliver in as entered hereafter their Report of the Hardwickes Ammunition and Warlike stores and Muster of her Crew, whereby it appears that the Ships Compliment is deficient by six Men.

Lieut. Brooke Samson permitted to resign his Commission to proceed as Chief Mate on the Hardwicke to Europe she being in distress for such an Officer.

Captain Samson of the Hardwicke being in distress for a Chief Mate having lost many of his Officers as appears by his Letter entered after Consultation the 23^{d}. Instant, and his Brother Brooke Samson now a Lieutenant of Grenadiers, who has been a second Mate of one of the Company's Ships, having offer'd his service on this Occasion, Agreed that he be permitted to resign his Commission and proceed on the Hardwicke to Europe as Chief Mate.

Dispatches p^{d} Hardwicke Sign'd.

The following Dispatches are now sign'd.
General Letter to the Honble Court of Directors.
General Letter to the Governour & Council at S^{t}. Helena.

Import Warehouse
Storehouse
Military Storehouse
Mint
} INDENTS and

Sailing Orders to Captain John Samson of the Hardwicke, ALL dated this day.

The Packet to be closed.

Order'd that the Packet be closed and delivered to Captain Samson with his Dispatches as soon as possible.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^{R}. WYNCH.
——— ,, ———.
JOHN SMITH.

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To the Honble GEORGE PIGOT Esqr.
President & Governour &Ca. Council of FORT St. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Pursuant to an Order signified to Us by Mr. Secretary Dupre we have surveyed the Hardwickes Company and Artillery Stores as ℔ Lists annexed and think her in a proper Condition to proceed to Europe.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most obedient humble servts.

JOHN SMITH.
JOHN BROHIER.

FORT St. GEORGE,
26th. October 1755.

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28 Sailed the Honble Companys Ship Hardwicke Captain John Samson for England.

— Received by Pattamars the following General Letters Vizt.

From	Vizagapatam	dated the.	9th.	Instant.
	Ingeram ...	... ...	12th.	
	Tellicherry	... ...	4th.	
	DeveCotah	... ...	21st.	

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.

FRIDAY THE 31ST.

STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEXANDER WYNCH.
—— ——. JOHN SMITH.

Mr. Perceval *at Camp.*
Mr. Bourchier *absent with Leave.*

The Book of standing Orders lying on the Table.

General Letters read VIZT.

Genl. Letters read Vizt. From Vizagapatam.

No. 138 From Charles Boddam Esqr. Chief & Council at Vizagapatam dated the 9th. Octr. serving only to enclose Duplicates of their last Letter and of the Invoice & Bill of Loading rec'd ℔ Hartop.

From Ingeram.

No. 139 From Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram Dated the 12th. Octr. enclosing the Accounts of that Settlement for September and requesting a further supply of five thousand Pagodas which he hopes to Invest by the latter end of the Season. Cloth on hand 1212 Corge.

From Tellicherry.

No. 140 From Thomas Hodges Esqr. Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry dated 4th. October advising that a French Ship arrived at Mahe from France the 13th Septemr. and sailed again for Pondicherry having on board about 150 Europeans and 50 Madagascar Slaves. That their remains in Warehouse is about 2750 Candies of Pepper.

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From DeveCotah.

N°. 141 From Mr. Charles Hopkins Chief of DeveCotah dated the 21st. Octor. acknowledging the receipt of two Letters of the 10th. and 13th. relating to the Military & Seapoys Enclosing the Accounts of that Settlement for September.

N.B. those two Letters were from the Committee.

Broad cloth & lead put up the 29th– no Bidders to be put up again 20th Novr.

The Import Warehº.keeper reports that pursuant to order of Consultation the Companys Broad Cloth and Lead were put up at Outcry at the Sea Gate the 29th. Inst. but no Bidders appeared Ordered that both be put up again on Thursday the 20th. of November.

Cash Account for Sepr. read.

The President reads the Cash Account for the month of September, Ballance then remaining and compared with the Chest (tho omitted to be reported till now) seventeen thousand four hundred and sixty seven Current pagodas, seventeen fanams and seventeen cash (17467–17–17) and Eight hundred and sixty one Madrass Pagodas, Twenty four Fanams and Ten Cash (861–24–10) which is carried forward.

report of Mad. Pags. pd. in by Linga Chitty, Acct. his Contract.

The President acquaints the Board that Linga Chitty paid in Five thousand Madrass Pagodas the 13th. Instant and seven thousand the 23d. Instant in part of his Contract for Twenty thousand Madrass Pagodas which sums are brought to Account under their respective Dates.

Money pd. in by the Impt. Waº. keeper.

Henry Powney Import Warehº.keeper pays in Five thousand (5000) Pagodas on his running Account.

Sea Customer.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in Eleven hundred (1100) Pagodas on his running Account.

Land Customer.

Henry Powney for William Perceval Land Customer pays in six hundred and Ninety four Pagodas, Twenty one Fanams and Eighteen cash (694–21–18) for the september Ballance of that Account.

Advances, to the

Agreed that the following Advances be made out of Cash Vizr.

Commissary.

To the Commissary Twenty thousand (20000) Rupees to defray the charges of the Troops abroad &ca.

Paymaster.

To the Paymaster Eight thousand five hundred (8500) Pagodas, for sundry Disbursements, in that Employ.

Military Paymaster.

To the Military Paymaster, six thousand (6000) Pagodas and one thousand (1000) Rupees to pay the Military &ca. for the ensuing Month.

draft on the Treasury.

To answer which Advances in part Twenty one thousand (21000) Rupees are now paid in from the Treasury.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
—— ,, ——
JOHN SMITH.

FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1755.

Madrass Pagodas.

Dr:

		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
1.	To Ballance brought from last Month's Account.	3784	21	35
..	To the Honble United Company's Cash for so much transferred from that Account	11780	2	55
30.	To ditto for the Mint Augst. Ballance ...	297	—	—
	Mads: Pags. ...	15861	24	10

Cr:

		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
8	By Ingeram Factory sent ℔ Cuddalore Sloop.	5000	—	—
—	By Madapollam Factory sent ℔ do.	10000	—	—
30	By Ballance carried to next Month's Account ...	861	24	40
	Mads: Pags. ...	15861	24	10

Errors Excepted
℔ George Pigot.

Dr: The Honble United Company's Cash.

		Star or Currt.	Pags.	Fs.	Ca.
1	To Ballance brought from last Month's Account.		18872	12	67
..	To the Committee of Treasury received from the Treasury Mads. Pags.		11780	2	55
8	To Henry Powney Import Wareho.keeper received of him on his running Account ...		9000	—	—
..	To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd. of him on his running Account Vizt.				
	In Gold	Pags.	1000		
	In Fanams 5600		100		
			1100	—	—
..	To Fines and Forfeitures received of the Mayor's Court for Fines levied by the Clerk of the Market as ℔ their Letter entered after Consultation the 1st. Instant		14	—	—
..	To Rayal Pundat late Renter of the Ponomalee Country recd. of him in further part of six Month's Rent due on that Farm the 30th. June.		6000	—	—
	Brought forward ...		46766	15	42

Contra.

Cr:

		Star or Currt.	Pags.	Fs.	Ca.
1	By Madrass Pagodas carried to that Account for so much received this Day from the Treasury as ℔ Contra ... ... Mads. Pags. ...		11780	2	55
8	By Alexander Wynch Storekeeper advanced him to pay for Timber and Plank purchased ...		6000	—	—
9	By Fort St. David sent thither by Peons overland		10000	—	—
11	By Robert Orme Commissary, advanced him to defray the charges of the Troops abroad A.Rs. 150000 @ 360 ℔ Ct		4166	24	—
..	By Alexander Wynch Storekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that Employ A. Rs. 3000 @ 360 ℔ Ct.		833	12	—
20	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad ...		5000	—	—
29.	By Account Salary paid the Honble Company's Covenant Servants for six Month's Salary from the 25th. March to 25th. Instant		2086	4	—
	Brought forward ...		39866	6	55

	Carried over ...			46766 15 42
8	To Petloor Vencata Kistna & Perma Kellava Chitty, Beetle and Tobacco Farmers recd. of them One Month's Rent of that Farm due the 1st. ultimo Vizt.			
		Pa.	Fa. Ca.	
	In Gold	200	— —	
	In Fanams 16800	466	24 —	666 24 —
. .	To Petloor Vencata Kistna & Permal Kellava Chitty Farmers of the Arrack & Wine License received of them One Month's Rent of that Farm due 1st. ulto. in fas. 12000			333 12 —
11	*To the Committee of Treasury received from the* Treasury 18000 Arcot Rupees @ 360 ℔ Ct.			5000 — —
15	To Appajee Nayenar Renter of the Chingalaput *Country recd. of him in part of six Month's* Rent due on that Farm the 1st. Ultimo			
. .	To Oppajee Nayenar late Renter of the Mannamangalum Country recd. of him in part of six Month's Rent due on that Farm the 1st. ulto.			3000 — —
15	To Pushponatha Nayenar late Renter of the Covelong Country recd. of him in part of six Month's Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ulto.			2000 — —
. .	To Pushponatha Nayenar late Renter of the Covelong Seven Magans of the Tripossore Country rec'd of him in part of six Month's Rent of that Farm due the 1st. ulto.			5000 — —
20	To Account Current London received of Captain Lewis D'Illens in full discharge of his Bond for £ 250 advanced him in England payable here @ 7/8 ℔ Pag.			652 6 20
. .	To Claud Russell Accomptant General of the Mayor's Court recd. of the Register of the said Court Acct. the Estate of Robert Worth Deceased			106 — —
. .	To Henry Powney Import Wareho.keeper recd. on his running Account			7000 — —
	Brought forward ...			76524 21 62

	Carried over ...			39866 6 55
29.	By Account Current London paid the Ministers & Church Wardens in full for principal & Interest due to the Charity School Stock pursuant to the Company's Orders 31st. Janry. last & Consultation 18th. Augst. last Vizt.			
	Principal deposited 7th. May 1746			
	Interest 9. 4. 10 @ 8 ℔ annum		2246 24 —	5246 24 —
. .	By Claud Russell Accomptant General of the Mayor's Court paid the following drafts in favour of Daniel Morse Register Vizt.			
	Account the Estate of William Beawes		2250 33 37	
	Account the Estate Bob John Mathews		1763 6 18	4014 3 55
. .	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him to defray the charges of the Troops abroad A.Rs. 15000 @ 360 ℔ Ct.			
. .	By John Smith Paymaster advanced him for sundry Disbursements in that Employ Vizt.			
	In Gold		9000 — —	
	In Fanams 108000		3000 — —	12000 — —
. .	By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him to pay the Military &ca.			6000 — —
. .	By Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper advanced him for the charges of that Employ Vizt.			
	In Gold		1500	
	In fanams 5400		150	1650 — —
	Brought forward ...			72943 22 30

	Carried over ...	76524	21	62
20	To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd. of him on his running Account Vizt.			
	Pags.			
	In Gold 1000			
	In fanams 3600 100	1100	—	
..	To Charles Bourchier Rental General and Scavenger recd. of him in part of the Ballance of those Account endg. ultO. August 1753 Vizt.			
	Pags.			
	In Gold 500			
	In Fanams 7200 200			
		700	—	—
..	To Pondarum &ca. Managers of ChindadrePettah recd. of Josias, Dupre Secretary on Account of Fees collected by him for the year 1754 in Fans. 7200	200	—	—
..	To Batta gained by the exchange of 2000 Pagodas into Fanams at the rate of 40 fa. 40 ca. ℔ Paga. the difference between that real & the nominal Exchange of 36 fans. ℔ paga. being 9000 fans. @ 36	250	—	—
29	To George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master recd. of him the Ballance of Madrass Pagodas in that Account for last Month Mads. Pags.	297	—	—
..	To Henry Powney Impt. WarehO.keeper recd. of him on his running Account	6000	—	—
..	To William Perceval Land Customer recd. of him for last Month's Ballance of that Account Vizt.			
	In Gold ... ... Pags. 360 — —			
	In Fanams 5829. 50 161 33 50			
		521	33	50
..	To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd. of him on his running Account	1000	—	—
.	To the Committee of Treasury recd. from the Treasury 15000 Arcot Rs. @ 360 ℔ Ct. ...	4166	24	—
	Star or Currt. Pags. ...	90760	7	32

	Carried over ...	72943	22	30
29	By George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master paid him the Ballance of Currt. Pags. due to the Mint on that Account for last Month	52	3	65
..	By Madrass Pagodas for the Mint August Ballance	297	—	—
		73292	26	15
30	By Ballance carried to next Month's Account ...	17467	17	17
	Star or Curr. Pags. ...	90760	7	32

—— FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1755 ——

put back Ship George, Andrew Karr, who sailed the 15th. for Pegue but lost his Passage. 4TH

Rec'd by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 4th. Inst. 7

Recd' by Pattamars General Letter from Bombay dated 24th. Sepr. 9

Sailed Ship George Andrew Karr for the Nicobars. —

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.

——,,—— HENRY POWNEY. MONDAY

ROBERT ORME. ALEXANDER WYNCH. THE 10TH.

——,,—— JOHN SMITH.

Col. Lawrence ... *absent.*

Mr. Perceval ... *at Camp.*

Mr. Bourchier ... *absent with leave.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation Dated 31st. Ulto. read & sign'd.

General Letters read Vizt. Genl. Letters read.

No. 142 From Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr. &ca. Council at Fort St. David dated the 4th. Instant accompanying their Consultations and monthly Accounts for Septemr, and advising us that they had received proposals from one Bowanie for providing One hundred Bales of Long Cloth Salem by the end of January agreeable to the Musters he has delivered in which are pretty good provided the necessary Advances be made him offering his brother Streeshilaputty as his security who is esteemed a Man of Substance, desiring Our directions thereon That the Ballance of their Cash is Pagodas Thirty two thousand two hundred & fifty two, twenty six Fanams & sixty eight Cash (32252–26–68) desiring a supply of Twenty thousand Pagodas of which one thousand in Fanams. From Ft. St. David.

No. 143 From the President and Council at Bombay dated the 24th. Septemr. advising us that our Honble Master's Ship Dragon Capt. Michael Morgan arrived there the 16th. of that Month from England having been only four months on his Passage. That at his departure from England the Treaty between the Company and the French was at a stand but not absolutely broke off as one of their Commissaries remained still in England that great Naval preparations were making both in England and France and two Fleets were actually put to sea one on our part and one from the French, that it was doubtfull whether Peace or war would be the consequence but under the 25th. April they feared the latter. That the Dodington with Stores for the Squadron & Land Forces and some Recruits for this Presidency sailed the 23d. April in company with the Edgecote, Stretham, Houghton & Pelham, enclosing four Copies of his Majesty's speech at the Close of the last Session of Parliament. From Bombay.

Agreed to Write to the Gentlemen at Fort St. David that in regard to the proposal made them Bowanie to provide one hundred Bales of Salem Cloth by January we have no objection to their making a Tryal of him if they judge him and his proposed Security Men of sufficient Substance to be trusted with the necessary Advances. That we observe by their Cash Accounts some of their principal merchants have paid in their Ballances we would have them if possible avoid coming to Extremities with their responsible merchants as persons of Credit are now so backward to engage in the Investment, that We would have them Ft. St. David to be wrote to in regard to their Merchts. &c.

call Paupa Rauze, Irshippah Chitty and such others as they may think worth notice before their Board, and without asking, endeavour to engage them to receive back the Money they paid in and even make them further Advances. That Cap^{t}. Caillaud is to draw on them for what Money he may want and they are to Debt us for the same.

20000 Pag^{s}. to be sent thither by Peons.

Agreed that Twenty thousand Pagodas (20000) be sent to Fort S^{t}. David by Peons.

Report from the Committee of Accts. relatg. to Out Garrisons & Camp.

A Report from the Committee of Accounts relating to the Disbursements at Camp and the Out Garrisons read as entered hereafter on which the following Resolutions are now taken.

TRICHENOPOLY.

Resolution thereon.

In regard to the reference in the 3^{d}. Paragraph Agreed that Cap^{t}. Caillaud be allowed Fifteen Rupees a day Batta, six of which as Commandant at Trichenopoly and the remainder in Consideration of his good services and to defray the extraordinary Charges he must be at in his Transactions with the Country Powers in those Parts.

In regard to the reference in the 4th. Paragraph Agreed that the Officers at Trichenopoly be allowed half Batta in consideration of the dearness of the necessarys of Life and to put them in this respect on a footing with the private Men who have also half Batta.

The reduction mentioned in the 5th. Paragraph is approved.

In regard to Paragraph 6 The Board are of opinion the charges of the Dubash Interpreter cannot be reduced & therefore it is admitted.

The reductions in paragraphs 7, 8 & 11 are approved.

In regard to the Charge of Bullocks mentioned in Paragraph 9 as the Select Committee (to whose management this Article properly belongs) are of opinion that it cannot be retrench'd the Board acquiesce.

On Paragraph 10th. Order'd that an Account particulars of the charges Hospital be sent in Monthly.

ARCOT.

Agreed that the reduction of Expences recommended in the 12th. Paragraph be made Order'd that no repairs be charged or made on the Company's Account at any of the out Garrison's agreable to the recommendation in Parag^{h}. 13th.

CHINGLEPUT.

The reduction in the Expences of this Garrison recommended in the 14th. Paragraph being the same as at Arcot is approved.

CAMP.

Relating to Paragraph 15th. Order'd that the Lascars and Cooleys employed at Camp as well as the Military &c^{a}. muster'd by the Commissary as often in the month as possible.

The Board are of opinion that no Reduction ought to be made at present in the Troop mentioned in Para. 16.

In regard to the reference in Paragraph 17. 18. 19 In order if possible to reduce the charge of Bullocks &c. Agreed that the Board will at any time or before the first Consultation in December receive proposals for contracting to supply the army with this article.

On Paragraph 21 Order'd that all Extraordinary Charges in camp be check'd by the Commissary there in the manner recommended.

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Agreed that Paragraph 22 relating to several Presents given by Col : Heron in the Madura & Tinnevelly Expedition do lye on the Table to be further consider'd.

On Paragraph 23 Order'd that all Materials &c^{a}. for accidental service at Camp be purchased by the Commissary there or the Price agreed for by him.

In regard to Para. 24 and 25 The Board is well satisfied with the manner of checking the Batta to the Troops and the full and clear method in which the Madrass Commissary has digested his Accounts.

The 26 Paragraph (wherein it is recommended to the Board that Covenanted servants be sent to the Out Garrisons to check the Accounts of the Commanding Officers is ordered to to lye on the Table to be further considered.

Cash Account for Octr. read.

The President reads the Cash Account for last Month Ballance then remaining compared with the Chest Thirty two thousand four hundred and Eighteen Current Pagodas seven Fanams and Fifty Cash (32418–7–50) and Eight hundred & sixty one Madrass Pagodas Twenty four fanams & Ten cash (861–24–10) which is carried forward.

Advance to the Commissary.

The President acquaints the Board that Twenty thousand (20000) Rupees were paid in the 6th. Inst. from the Treasury and advanced the Commissary to defray the charges of the Troops abroad &c^{a}.

Rent for Trivitore villages paid in.

Linga Chitty Farmer of Trivitore &c^{a}. Villages pay in Thirteen hundred (1300) Pagodas in full for one years Rent of the Farm due the 1st. September last when the Cowle expired.

Mannamangalam Rent paid.

Oppajee Nayenar late Renter of the Mannamangalum Country pays in four thousand (4000) Pagodas which with three Thousand Pagodas paid in the 15th. Septem^{r}. is in full for six Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. August last when the Cowle expired.

Advance for Fine Goods.

Agreed that Fifteen Thousand (15000) Pagodas be advanced to Servanna Chitty Linga Chitty Tellisinga Chitty and Gundaveddy Vencatta Ramah Chitty for the Provision of Fine Goods. And

Advance to the Painters.

That Ten thousand (10000) Pagodas be advanced Tonapah Condapah and Ninapah for Painting Chints.

Notice for letting the Paddy Fields and Salt Pans & Compys. Old Garden.

The Cowles for the Paddy Fields, and Salt Pans and the Company's Old Garden expiring the 11th. of next Month Order'd the Publick Notice be given for reletting them at Outcry for one year on Wednesday the 10th. of Decem^{r}.

GEORGE PIGOT.
— ,, —
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^{R} : WYNCH.
— ,, —
JOHN SMITH.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T} : GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Paragraph 1st.

Conformable to what we mentioned in Our Address of the 25th. Augst. we shall now present you with a report of our observations on the several Disbursements in our Garrisons, Camp &c. under their respective Heads.

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1st. TRICHINOPOLY.

2 At our first meeting on the 16th. August we had only time to point out several charges we thought necessary to be retrench'd when the President inform'd us that the best method should be taken to curtail those Expences as much as possible.

3 We must remark that the Batta to the Commandant of Trichinopoly is 15 Rupees ℔ Day whereas the allowances to the Commanding Officers of Arcot & Chingleput are only 6 Rupees ℔ Day, but as the distance of Trichinopoly makes the necessaries of life much dearer than at the aforementioned places, We are of opinion that the Commandant there should be allowed something Extraordinary, We therefore beg leave to recommend the same to the consideration of the President and Council.

4 We must likewise observe that all the Officers at Trichinopoly are allowed half Batta and are acquainted by those of our Members who are also Members of the Select Committee that this is a regulation made by the Committee in consideration of the abovementioned inconveniences and others which they are subject to. However we still recommend to the consideration of the President and Council whether a further reduction might not be made in the Batta of the Officers &ca. Subaltern to the Commandant.

We observe charged in the Month of

5

	Rs.	fs.
June, Leather, Twine, & Cloth amounting to	62	3
In July, do. do. do.	65	—

but in the months of August & Septemr. no such charge appears. The following Articles are charged in June, July & August.

One Dallawar	18 Rupees
Pallankeen & Horse allowance	100
6 Peons	48
4 Dammer Boys	28
6 Torchie Boys	18
1 Moochie	13
2 Chubdars	
	253 Rupees.

none of which charges appear in the Month of Septemr.

The Charges of Pay and Palankeen to the Dubash Interpreter amounting 102 Rupees ℔ Month, appears large but we submit it to the consideration of
7 the President & Council whether it may be necessary to continue it—There appears a charge in the Months of June & July of

15 Hircaras	105 Rupees
1 Head do.	14
12 Colleries	72
2 Head do.	22
	213 Rupees

which are reduced in the Months of August & Septemr. to a charge only of 56 Rupees, which we imagine may be requisite.

8 The Artificers that were charged in the Accounts of June & July are struck off in the Months of August & September.

9 The Charges of Bullocks are to a high amount, but the Members of the Select Committee inform us that the present time will not admit of this charge being retrenched.

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The Charges Hospital appears to us very high, we think it necessary that an Account particular should be sent in monthly. 10

The Batta of the Seapoys in the months of August & Septemr. being reduced in one third from the sum which was formerly paid them, has considerably lessen'd the Expence of this Garrison. 11

2d. ARCOT GARRISON.

We recommend it as necessary to retrench the following Monthly charges. 12

	Rs.	fs.
1 Chubdar	5	5
3 Peons	16	4
1 Washing man	8	2
1 Baker	8	2
1 Barber	8	2
Rs. ...	45	15

When these reductions are made, it will appear that the only expence of this Garrison will consist in the Pay of the Seapoys as the whole charges of Repairs must be equally avoided here, as at Trichinopoly. 13

3dly. CHINGLEPUT GARRISON.

We must recommend that the Charges of Artificers, Barber, Washing Men &c. be retrench'd in the same manner with those of the Garrison of Arcot. 14

4thly. CAMP DISBURSEMENTS.

In the Batta to the Train We observe that Lascars are paid by an Abstract from the Commanding Officer of the Artillery we think too much regularity cannot be observed in the Mustering of the Lascars, and which is still more necessary in the next Article of Coolies, These appearing to be paid by an Abstract of Batta delivered in by the Quarter Masters in Camp and make a considerable part of the Camp Disbursement. 15

The Troop is paid conformable to the abstract of Batta, by the Officer who commands them and has always been at a fix'd rate, whether any reduction can be made in this Article we submit to the consideration of the President & Council. 16

The Bullocks, their Drivers, Camels &c. appears a very large charge, Monthly; We observe the proportion of Drivers, is five to six Bullocks; thō this appears extraordinary, we are well assured less would not be sufficient to manage them. 17

Mr. Maunsell informs us that both the Number of Bullocks & Drivers, are check'd by the Commanding Officer of the Train and the Commissary. 18

The Hire of these Bullocks & Drivers are at stipulated Rates. 19

The Hircaras, Linguists &ca. Attendants on the Commanding Officer, amounted to about 1100 Rupees ℔ Month, as it appears to us that the sums thus Disbursed have been chiefly for Intelligence we can have no objection to them. 20

We observe under the Head of Charges Extraordinary for the Month of July, a Note of Capt. D'Illens & the Quartermasters for sundries Bought and Charges on account of the repairs of the carriages amounting to Rupees 439–6 likewise Cash paid Doctor Keir for Assistants &c. attending the Sick in Camp as ℔ his Bill amounting to Rs. 196–6 we must recommend that Expences of this nature should be very strictly examined into by the Commissary in Camp 21

and if at any time he should think them overcharged that he be directed to refer them to the consideration of the President & Council.

22 The following Articles paid by order of Colonel Heron are charged in the Commissarys Accounts for June.

For a Horse presented to the Morawar upon his joining his Troops to Ours & Marching against the Poligars Rupees

a pair of Pistolls gave the Morawar & 2 pr. the Nabob ...	293¼	—	—
also a present to Mr. Black of	400	—	—
Rs. ...	1486	3	—

These charges appear to us very Extraordinary and particularly the reward to Mr. Black as We are of opinion rewards of this nature should be left entirely to the consideration of the President & Council by a recommendation from the Commanding Officer.

23 The other Articles of Expence under the Head of charges Extraordinary for the months July Augst. & Septr. are for accidental services in the Camp as they arise; The Commissary in camp being first acquainted with the occasions of such service—We recommended that whatever materials and other things necessary on the occasions, should be provided by the Commissary, or agreed for by him.

24 The Batta to Officers & Seapoys are at stipulated Rates & check'd by regular Musters.

25 On Examination of the Madrass Commissary's Accounts, we observe he has vouchers for all the sums he disburses except a trifling charge that is occasioned by Batta paid to Hircaras &c. sent to Out Garrisons—We must remark that he has ranged in so regular a manner the Accounts of the Out Garrisons & Camp Disbursements that his Books at once exhibit a full & clear view of all the Expences arising on Account the Nabob.

Having now laid before your Honour &c. Our observations on the monthly Accounts of Tritchinopoly Arcot and Chingleput Garrisons, Camp Disbursements & the Account of the Madrass Commissary for June, July, August & Sepr. we have nothing further to remark on those Heads at present, but these monthly Expences amount to considerable sums, those of the Out Garrisons are disbursed by the Commanding Officers without controul we therefore think it necessary to your Honr. &c. that Covenanted Servants should be sent thither with proper instructions to check them.

We are with respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Humble servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR: WYNCH.
JAS: ALEXANDER.
JAS: BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
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THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH.

Dr.					Contra.				Cr.
1.	To Ballance brought from last Month's Account	Pags.	17467	17 17	9.	By his Majesty's Squadron paid the Company's Allowance of Five Pagodas ℔ day for Admiral Watson's Table from 30th. June to the 1st. Inst. being 92 days.		460	— —
10.	To the Committee of Treasury recd. from the Treasury A. Rs. 30000 @ 360 ℔.		8333	12 —	10.	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him to defray the charges of the Troops abroad A.Rs. 30000, at 360 ℔ %.		8333	12 —
13.	To Henry Powney Import Warehouse-keeper recd. of him on his running Account		3000	— —	13.	By Charles Bourchier Military Store-keeper advanced him for the charges of that Employ		1100	— —
..	To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd. of him on his running Account		1000	— —	..	By Account Presents Vizt.			
..	To Alexander Wynch Storekeeper receed. of him the Ballance of that Account for August last		3006	2 35		Gave Lieut. John Conrad De Peyer as ℔ Consultation this day.	200 — —		
..	To the Committee of Treasury recd. from the Treasury		20000	— —	..	Gave amongst other things as ℔ Consultation this day to the Nabob's Women 25 Gold Mohurs @ Pags. 3. 32. 50. ea. ...	97 23 50		
..	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Permaal Kellava Beetle and Tobacco Farmers receed. of them one Months rent of that Farm due the 1st. Sepr. Vizt. In Gold ... ... 200 — In Fanams 16800 ... 466 24		666	24 —				297	23 50
..	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Permal Kellava Chitty Farmers of the Arrack & Wine Licence receed. of them one month's Rent of that Farm due the 1st. September last Fanams 12000 ...		333	12 —	..	By Linga Chitty advanced him for the purchase of 20,000 Madras Pagodas @ 9¾ ℔ Ct.		21950	— —
..	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah & Permal Kellava Chitty Farmers of the measuring Duty receed. of them two Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. of Septemr. last in Fanams 6000		166	24 —	..	By Madrass Pagodas receed of Linga Chitty as ℔ Contra		5000	— —
	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah & Permal Kellava Chitty Farmers of the Town Brokerage recd. of them six Months rent of that Farm due the 1st. Septemr. last		350	— —		By Batta paid Linga Chitty the præmium of 9¾ ℔ Ct. on 50000 Madrass Pagodas		487	18 —
					23d.	By Madrass Pagodas receed. of Linga Chitty as ℔ Contra		7000	— —
					..	By Batta paid Linga Chitty the premium		682	18 —
					31.	By Robert Orme Commissary advanc'd him to defray the Charges of the			
	Brought forward ...		54323	19 52		Brought forward		45310	35 50

	Carried over ...	54323	19	52
13th.	To Rayal Pundat Renter of the Poonomalee Country recd. of him (together with 12000 Pags. paid the 18th. July & 6000 Pags. paid the 8th. Sepr. in full for six months Rent of that Farm due 30th. June last when the Cowle expired ...	4000	—	—
..	To Rayal Pundat Renter of the Ponomalee Jaguir reced. of him in full for six months Rent of that Farm due 30th. June last when that Cowle expired ...	2100	—	—
..	To Gruapah Farmer of Egmore &c. Villagers recd. of him one years Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Sepr. last when that Cowle expired	1450	—	—
..	To Oppajee Nayenar Renter of Chingleput Country recd. of him (together with six Thousand Pags. paid the 15th. Sepr.) in full for six Month's Rent of that Cowle due 1st. August last	5000	—	—
..	To Pushpanatha Nayenar Renter of Covelong Country recd. of him (together with two thousand Pagodas paid the 15th. Sepr.) in full for six months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. August last ...	2000	—	—
..	To Fines and Forfeitures recd. of the Mayor's Court for a Fine levied by them.	5	—	—
..	To Bills of Exchange for one sett of this date drawn on the Court of Directors at Ninety days sight for £. 173. 16. 1 s. d. Exchange @ 7. 8 ℔ Paga. payable to Timothy Tullie Esqr. or order value of Richd. Starke Esqr.	453	14	30
..	To Linga Chitty recd. of him on Account of what advanced him this Day for Madrass Pagodas			
	Ms. ... ... 5000 — —			
	Batta @ 9¾ ℔ Ct. ... 487 18 —			
		5487	18	—
	Brought forward ...	74819	16	2

	Carried over ...	45310	35	50
	Troops abroad &c. A.Rs. 20000 @ 360.	5555	20	—
31.	By John Smith Paymaster advanced him for sundry Disbursements			
	In Gold ... ... 6000 — —			
	In Fanams 90000 ... 2500 — —			
		8500	—	—
..	By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him to pay the Military &c.			
	In Gold ... ... 6500 — —			
	In Arcot Rupees 1000 @ 360 ... ... 277 28 —			
		6277	28	—
		65644	11	50
..	By Ballance carried to next Month's Account	32418	7	50
	Brought forward ...	98062	19	20

	Carried over ...						74819	16	2
23.	To Vizagapatam Factory recd. of the Heirs of the late John Stratton deceased for so much his Account stands Debted on the Vizagapatam Books						2592	—	78
	To Bills of Exchange reced. two setts of this date Vizt.								
		£.	s.	d.	Ps.	Fs.	Ca.(?)		
	1 Sett to Peter Roberts Esqr. or order value of Charles Boddam ...	40	—	—	104	12	41		
	1 Sett to Mr. Thomas Lubton or order value of Mr. Claud Russell on Account of Mr. George Dolben ...	40	—	—	104	12	41		
	—							208	25	2
	2 Setts amounting to								
	To Linga Chitty recd. of him in further part of what advanced him the 13th. Inst. for Madrass Pagodas				7000	—	—		
	Batta @ 9¼ ₹% ...				682	18	—		
								7682	18	—
31.	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekr. reced. of him on his running Account.							5000	—	—
	To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd. of him on his running Accot. Vizt.									
	In Gold				1000	—	—		
	In Fanams 3600 ...				100	—	—		
								1100	—	—
	Brought forward ...							91402	24	2

Carried over ...	98062	19	20
Brought forward ...	98062	19	20

	Carried over ...		91402	24	2	Carried over ...	98062	19 20
31.	To William Perceval Land Customer receˉd. for last Month's Ballance of that Account Vizt.							
	In Gold	486 — —						
	In Fanams &c. 7509.18.	208 21 18						
			694	21	18			
..	To the Committee of Treasury Receˉd. from the Treasury A. Rs. 21000 @ 360 ℔ Ct.		5833	12	—			
..	To Batta gain'd by the Exchange of 1000 Pagodas into Fanams at the rate of 40 Ps. 60 Cash ℔ Pagoda the difference between the real & the nominal Exchange of 36 fs.		131	34	—			
	Star or Currt. Pags. ...		98062	19	20	Star or Currt. Pags. ...	98062	19 20

Madrass Pagodas.

Dr:					Contra.			Cr:
1st.	To Ballance of last Month's Account ...		861	24 10	13.	By Vizagapatam Factory sent thither overland by Peons	5000	— —
13.	To the Honble Company's Cash receˉd. of Linga Chitty on his Contract	5000 — —			25.	By do. sent thither by the Hartop Snow ...	7000	— —
23.	Do. do.	7000 — —			31.	By Ballance carried to next Month's Account.	861	24 10
	Pags. ...		12861	24 10		Pags. ...	12861	24 10

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1755* ——

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR: PRESIDENT GOVERNOUR.

— — HENRY POWNEY. MONDAY 7TH.

ROBERT ORME. ALEXANDER WYNCH.

— — JOHN SMITH.

— —

Col. Lawrence ... *absent.*
Mr. Perceval ... *at camp.*
Mr. Bourchier—*absent with leave.*

The Book of standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 10th. Instant read and signed.

Expt. Wareho. Acct. Profit & Loss to Ulto. April 1755 to be wrote off.

The Export Warehousekr. lays before the Board the Articles of Profit & Loss for Loss on sundry Accounts in the Books of the Export Warehouse ending ulto. April 1755 including Presents, Charges Merchandize &c. amounting in the whole to nine thousand nine hundred and Eighty Pagodas eight Fanams and fifty three Cash (9908–8–53) amongst the Articles of Loss on Goods the sum of Eleven hundred Pags. four Fanams & Ten Cash (1100–4–10) appears to arise from the sale of Calicoes found greatly damaged at the time Mr. Orme received the charge of the Warehouse from Mr. Boddam on which the Board remark that the sum is large but may in some measure be accounted for as it arises on the torn and damaged cloth of several years, no report having been made since this Settlement became again the Presidency the Board therefore permit that as well as the other Articles in the Account entered hereafter to be wrote off to Profit & Loss.

A Report of Torn & Damaged Cloth to be made Annually.

Ordered that the Export Wareho. keeper deliver in annually a report of the torn and damaged Cloth in the Godown that the same may be disposed off to the best Advantage.

Complaint of Mr. Simpson.

The Accomptant represents that Mr. Charles Simpson one of the Assistants in his Office notwithstanding frequent representations and Orders to attend to his Duty has been so negligent that the Business is much in arrear and as no dependance can be placed on such Assistants he requests that Mr. Simpson may be removed and others appointed in his room.

Mr. A[r]chdall Palmer & Willm. Barker removed under the Accountant.

Agreed that Mr. Archdall Palmer now an Assistant in the Export Wareho. and Mr. William Assistant in the Secretarys Office be stationed under the Accountant.

Mr. Simpson to attend the Board next Consultation.

Ordered that the Secretary gives Notice to Mr. Simpson to attend the Board at the next Consultation.

Money paid in from Mayors Court Accot. Estate Willm. Beawes.

A Certificate being presented to the Board from the Accountant General of the Mayor's Court that the Register is to pay in one hundred and Twenty Pagodas four Fanams and Fifty Cash (120–4–50) Account the Estate of William Beawes deceased a Receipt is now signed for the same which is ordered to be received into the Cash Chest.

Pattamars to be dispatch'd to several Settlements.

Agreed that Pattamars be dispatched to Bengal and Northern Settlements, Bombay, Tellicherry and Anjengo in answer to the several Letters from thence and to advise of the Hardwicke's dispatch to Europe.

50000 Mad. Pags. to be sent to Ingeram.

Agreed that Five thousand (5000) Madrass Pagodas be sent to Ingeram by Peons Mr. Westcott having requested that sum which he hopes to Invest by January.

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Money paid in by the Impt. Wareho. kr.

Henry Powney Import Wareh°.keeper pays in Four thousand One hundred Pagodas (4100) on his running Account.

Sea Customer.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in One thousand Pagodas (1000) on his running Account.

Storekeeper.

Alexander Wynch Storekeeper pays in Two thousand seven hundred and forty nine Pagodas Two Fanams and Twenty six Cash (2749–2–26) for the October Ballance of that account.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.

FORT ST. GEORGE 30th. April 1755.

PROFIT and Loss Dr. to Sundry Accounts Pags. 9908–8–3 for so much lost on the following Accounts in the Books of the Export Wareh°. to April 30th. 1755.

The following sums to the Amount of Pags. 1100–4–40 are the loss arising on Callicoes found greatly damaged at the time Mr. Orme received the Charge of the Warehouse from Mr. Boddam which callicoes were by Order of Council sold at Publick Outcry.

LONG CLOTH ORDINARY	168	1	28				
LONG CLOTH ORDINARY Virandaporum.	388	3	12				
LONG CLOTH MIDLING	161	6	6				
SALLAMPORES ORDINARY	4	24	—				
SALLAMPORES MIDLING	376	14	44				
SALLAMPORES FINE	1	27	—				
				1100	4	10	
GOODS for PACKING and SALE ...	93	14	73				
PADDY lost on difference of Price & deficiency of Measure	530	32	28				
CHARGES on MERCHANDIZE ...	3489	6	74				
ACCOUNT PRESENTS	4539	7	52				
				8652	25	67	

The following are the Loss arising from the difference between the charge of the Invoice sent to Europe & the real cost to the Company.

LONG CLOTH ORDINARY Virandaporum.	71	5	32				
LONG CLOTH MIDLING	73	14	24				
SALLAMPORES ORDINARY	10	30	—				
				155	13	56	
PAGODAS ...				48	1	—	[*sic*]

18TH Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David dated this day.

19 Sent by Peons to Fort St. David Twenty thousand Pagodas with General Letter of this date.

20 Received by Tappies General Letter from DeveCotah dated 15th. Instant.

21 Received by Pattamar General Letter from Bombay dated 13th. October.

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Sent by Pattamars General Letters to 23

Bombay
Tellicherry
Anjengo
Bengal
Vizagpatam
Ingeram
} all Dated this Day.

and by the Ingeram Peons sent five thousand Madrass Pagodas to Foss Westcott Esq^{r}. Resident there for the use of that Settlement.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT. MONDAY THE 24TH.

STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEXANDER WYNCH.
—— ——. JOHN SMITH.
—— ——.

Mr. Perceval ... *at Camp.*
Mr. Bourchier ... *absent with Leave.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 17th. Instant read and signed.

General Letters read.

General Letters read Viz^{t}.

From Deve Cotah.

N^{o}. 144 From Mr. Charles Hopkins Chief of DeveCotah dated the 15th. Instant enclosing the Accounts of that Settlement for October.

From Bombay.

N^{o}. 145 From the President and Council of Bombay dated the 13th. October acknowledging the receipt of our Letter of the 22^{d}. August with Duplicate of those under the 10th. & 26th. July the Originals of which had not reached them. That they are sorry the Protector was obliged to make so long a stay at Fort S^{t}. David and hope soon to see her—enclosing Duplicate of their last.

Report from the Commitee of Accts. relating to the Deve Cotah Accots.

A Report from the Committee of Accounts relat^{g}. to the Accounts of Deve-Cotah Settlement read as entered hereafter. As to the Charges of that Settlement are swelled to a large sum and much beyond what the Board think necessary they suspend for the present their resolution with respect to the irregularities pointed out in the said Report untill a more perfect enquiry can be made therein as well as the General State of the Settlement, and to that End it is Agreed that Mr. John Smith one of the Members of this Board proceed to Deve-Cotah as Supravizor to enquire into the conduct of the Chief with respect to the great encrease of Expences and report to the Board his proceedings therein as well as such other observations as may occur in the course of his enquirys tending to reduce the charges of that Settlement and to render it more beneficial to the Company.

Mr. Smith appointed to Supravize the Deve-Cotah Account &ca.

Copy of the Report to be sent Mr. Hopkins & he is not to buy any more Stores or make any repairs without leave.

Ordered that a Copy of the abovementioned report be sent to Mr. Hopkins that he may be fully prepared to explain every particular to the Supra vizor on his Arrival and that in the meantime he be ordered not to purchase any more Stores of any kind what so ever nor to make the least repairs without previously sending an estimate of the charge and receiving the sanction of the Board.

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The Under Paymaster to take Mr. Smiths Employs in his Absence.

Ordered that during Mr. Smith's Absence on the aforementioned Supra Vizorship the under Paymaster Mr. John Smith take charge of his Employs of Paymaster & Military Paymr.

Report of the Houses rented in the Pettah for an Hospital.

Pursuant to an order of Council the 3d. Febry. 1755 for estimating the value of the Houses hired in the Pettah for an Hospital in order that they might be purchased for the Company's Use as being less expencive than renting them a Letter from the Engineer is now laid before the Board relating thereto, to which Letter is annexed a List of the Houses Rented being fourteen in Number at the Rate of Fifty Pagodas six Fanams ℔ month together, And Estimates of the Cost of Five of them amounting together to Pags. two thousand four hundred and thirty eight, Five Fanams & fourty two Cash (2438–5–42) the rest which were built of Rubbish & Clay having been pulled down and other Buildings erected on the Ground they stood on he represents that no Estimate can be made of the value of the Materials, and it appearing by a Memorandum at the Foot of the said estimates that the Materials of the abovementioned five Houses thō Old are valued at the rate they are purchased by the Inhabitants which cannot be the true present value of the Buildings.

Committee for conducting the Works to enquire into the value of the Houses at the time they were rented & repair'd.

Agreed that it be referr'd to the Committee for conducting the Works to enquire what was the real value of the several Houses (as well as those standing as those that have been pulled down), at the time they were rented, as the present value of some may be greatly encreased by the repairs that have been made at the Company's Expence and report to the Board their opinion thereon.

Acct. Sale of Broad cloth & Lead.

The Import Wareho.keeper lays before the Board as entered hereafter an Account Sale of Sixty six Bales of Broad Cloth sold at Outcry the 20th. Instant at one Pagoda Advance on the price put up at, Also Twenty Candy of Lead sold at the same time at thirteen Pagodas nine Fanams ℔ Candy and reports that no one bid for any more.

Remainder to be put up the 23d Decr.

Ordered that the remainder of the Broad Cloth and Lead be put up at Outcry again on Tuesday the 23d. Decr. next.

Account Packing Stuff remaining & taken by the Export W.H. keeper.

The Export Wareho. keeper lays before the Board an Account Current of the Packing Stuff since May the 1st. to August 31st. Ballance of Wax Cloth, Long Cloth, Sallampores, Gunneys, Ropes, Twine, Cotton & Gunney Bags then remaining amounting to Pagodas One thousand four hundred & fourty seven, Thirty Fanams & thirty one cash (1447–30–31) which he acquaints the Board that pursuant to a Resolution of Consultation the 25th. August last he has taken to himself and will Credit the Warehouse Cash which is approved. Ordered that the Account be entered hereafter.

Warehouse Rent for the Kings use to be pd.

An Account is now laid before the Board of Warehouse Rent for sundry Godowns that have been hired and employed on his Majesty's service amounting to Pagodas 174–12–48 which is ordered to be paid by the Paymaster.

Major Kilpatrick's pay settled.

Major Killpatrick having received no Pay since a Major's Brevet was granted him as his Allowances have not been settled Agreed that his pay be the same as Major in the Kings service which is fifteen shillings a day and that he have the benefit of Cloathing his Company.

Lieut. Commission to be drawn out for Samuel Samson.

A Lieutenancy being vacant by the resignation of Lieut. Brooke Samson Order'd that a Commission be made out for Lieutenant Samuel Samson who arrived from England that year with a Brevet and is the next in succession by the Company's Order and that it bear date the day of Lieutenant Brooke Samson's Resignation

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Order'd that a Brevet be made out for Mr. John Francis Raillard to Act as a Lieutenant of Artillery and that it bear Date the day after Lieutenant Jonathan Brooke's Commission.

Brevet for Jno. Francis Raillard to act as Lieut of Artillery.

A Certificate being presented to the Board from the Accountant General of the Mayor's Court that the Register is to pay in One hundred and Eighteen Pagodas seven fanams and one cash (118–7–1) Account the Estate of Lieutenant John Kemp deceased A Receipt is now signd for the same and the money ordered to be put in the Cash Chest.

Money paid in from the Mayor's Court Acct. Estate of John Kemp.

The President acquaints the Board that Linga Chitty paid into cash yesterday Eight thousand (8000) Madrass Pagodas in full of his contract.

Linga Chitty pays into Cash 8000 Mads. Pags.

George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master pays in two hundred and ninety six (296) Madrass Pagodas for last Month's Ballance of Madrass Pagodas due from the Mint and twenty two Current Pagodas One Fanam & Forty five Cash are now paid him for the Ballance of Current Pagodas in last Month's Account due to the Mint.

Mint Ballance paid in.

Henry Powney Import Wareho.keeper pays in Four thousand five hundred Pagodas (4500) on his running Account.

Money paid in Acct. the Import Wareho.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in seven hundred (700) Pagodas on his running Account.

Sea Customer.

Alexander Wynch for William Perceval Land Customer pays in Four hundred and fifteen Pagodas and fifty seven cash (451 –. 57) for last Month's Ballance of that Account.

Land Customer.

Petloor Vencata Kistnah & Permal Kellavah Chitty pays in the following Rents Vizr. six hundred and sixty six Pagodas twenty four fanams (666–24) in full for one Month's Rent of the Beetle & Tobacco Farm due the 1st Octr. and Three hundred and thirty three Pagodas twelve Fanams (333. 12) for one Month's Rent of the Arrack & Wine Licence due the 1st. October.

Rents paid in.
Bettle & Tobacco Farm.
Arrack & Wine License.

Agreed that the following Advances be made out of Cash vizt.

Cash Advanced.

To Tellisinga Chitty &c. Merchants Ten thousand (10000) Pagodas on Account of the Investment.

To Tellisinga Chitty.

To the Paymaster Two thousand (2000) Pagodas for the charges of that Employ.

Paymaster.

To the Military Paymaster Four thousand (4000) Pagodas to pay the Military &cs.

Military Paymaster.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &c. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We now lay before you Our Observations on the Accounts of DeveCotah for the Month of June.

The Disbursements of Cash this month to Pagodas 4013–15–61 under the following Heads.

Charles Hopkins Military Storekeeper

Arising from Purchase of Stores Vizt.

Armoury Stores	Pags.	792	4 —
General Stores		160	— —
Naval Stores		35	— —
Cordages		180	— —
		1167	4 —
Charges Merchandize		70	29 20
Pags. ...		1237	33 20

It's impossible for us to judge if the above Stores are properly rated without seeing them but it appears to us very Extraordinary that the Chief of DeveCotah should provide Stores to so large Amount when they might & we think ought to be supplyd from St. David on the Presidency And We can't help remarking that the following Articles are charged at a higher Rate than those provided here by the Military Storekeeper Vizt.

Pickers at 2 for a Fanam charged here 4 for a Fañ. difference this month		50	— —
Worms at 1 Fañ. each charged here at 1½ Fañ. each difference		63	32 —
Wax Cloth @ 3 Pags. ℔ Ps. usually at Pags. 2. 27 ...		5	27 —
Wax Candles @ Pags. 7 ℔ Maund @ Pags. 5. 18 ℔ Maund		19	18 —
Coir Ropes 18 Pags. ℔ Candy @ Pags. 15 ℔ Candy ...		30	— —
Pags. ...		169	5 —

On the Charges Merchandize We remark that the Number of Smiths & Carpenters are not particularized, nor the service they are employed on; both which should be explained, and we submit it to the President & Council whether such a Number of Artificers are necessary.

Account Current Fort St. George Pags. 57–17.

Being for Piles Sent to St. David, to which we can make no objection.

Nabob Mahomed ally Cawn.

Batta to a French Deserter @ Fans. 4 ℔ day.	Pags.	4	32 —
do. to Seapoys @ Fans. 2¾ ℔ day to procure coolies		2	27 —
do. to Cooleys detained on Account the Freshes to carry Stores to Trichinopoly @ 1 Fañ. each		26	24 —
8 Days Batta to Coolies @ 3 fs. each carrying Stores to Trichinopoly		106	24 —
20 Days Batta to Seapoys escorting them Gram to Colonel Heron's Horse		9	32 —
6 Days Batta to Seapoys escorting Col: Heron to St. David		53	— 36

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Boats & Cattamaran Hire carrying Gentlemen over the Barr	Pags.	5	27	—
Arrack to Military & Train for making Cartridges & Balls		23	33	—
Wages & Batta to four Peons stationed at Out Places		6	24	—
Batta to Peons sent to different Places ...		27	27	—
Subsistance to Seapoys & Invalid Seapoys ...		1208	30	30
		1497	5	66

What appears to us remarkable in the above Charges, that twenty Days Batta should be allowed the Seapoys escorting the Stores to Trichinopoly when the Coolies were paid only eight Days, also six Days Batta to Seapoys escorting Colonel Heron to S^{t}. David was more than necessary. The Gram to Colonel Heron's Horse is a very extraordinary charge, as is the Boat, & Cattamaran Hire carrying Gentlemen over the Barr.

Arrack allowed to the Military and Train requires explanation as we observe Picket Money also charged under another Head.

Wages & Batta allowed to stationed Peons, the latter appears unnecessary.

The Batta to Peons sent to different Places is a large amount especially as there is a further charge on the same Account of Pag^{s}. 5–31 under another Head.

The Roll of the Seapoys is not signed which We think should be done by the Commanding Officer & check'd & countersign'd by the Chief, We observe they are paid in Rupees at different Exchanges in different Months.

CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY.

Pagodas 30–22–40 the particulars Viz^{t}.

Boat Hire for bringing Oyster Shells ...	Pags.	6	20	—
Bounty to a Soldier reinlisting		10	—	—
Picket to the Train		14	2	40
		30	22	40

The only remark we can make on the above Articles, is that Boat hire on Oyster Shells being for Chunam, should be brought under the Head of Materials for Building.

CHARGES GENERAL.

Palankeen Boys	Pags.	6	—	—
Batta to Peons attending Pile cutters ...		1	24	—
Batta to Peons sent to different places ...		5	31	—
4 Ferry Boats at four Passes		7	2	—
2 Cattamarans for carrying Notes to vessels ...		6	30	—
Country Musick.		2	24	—
24 Seer of Oil for the Fort House, 1 Captain 1 Lieut^{t}. 1 Ensign & 1 Company's servant, charged $\frac{3}{4}$ Pag^{s}. ℔ seer		11	24	—
		48	1	—

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Batta to Peons should come under charges Extraordinary, how far the other charges are necessary, we leave to your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Consideration.

CHARGES GARRISON.

Subsistance to the Military	Pag^{s}.	389	12	75
d^{o}. to Seapoys in Rupees 1028 @ 378 ℔% ...		272	—	—
d^{o}. to Lascars		128	—	—
Oyl for the Barracks 238 Seers		11	20	40
		800	33	35

The Rolls of Seapoys & Lascars are neither check'd or signed, whether so great Number of the latter are necessary, we submit to your Hon^{r}. &c.

CHARGES HOSPITAL.

Pag^{s}. 25–26–40 This is a constant Monthly charge with a little or no variation.

DIET ALLOWANCE Pag^{s}. 29–12—Which we have nothing to object to.

FORTIFICATIONS & REPAIRS Pag^{s}. 174–11–60.

This is said to be for repairing the Breach, Fort House & Doctors Lodgings without any particulars mentioned which we think should be called for.

PEONS & SERVANTS WAGES.

100 Peons Pay	Pag^{s}.				94	12	—
2 Conicoplies Pag^{s}. ... Pag^{s}.	4	—	—				
1 Marratta Braminy ...	5	—	—				
3 Gardiners	2	18	—				
3 Torchies	2	18	—				
6 Water Fellows	2	24	—				
1 Washerman	1	—	—				
1 Barber	1	—	—				
					18	24	—
Pots Brooms &c^{a}.					4	32	—
					117	32	—

We observe that the Roll of Peons is neither check'd or signed this large Number of Peons appears to Us a very unnecessary charge considering the Body of Seapoys stationed at this Settlement, which we are of opinion might Execute the service of the former, as to the number of servants, we beg leave to refer them to the consideration of Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}.

We find that a considerable gain by Batta on Fanams has been made, which we conclude on the whole Month's Account must amount to 70 Pagodas to prevent which in future we think that a sufficient Quantity of Fanams should be lodged there but if this cannot conveniently be done, that the Chief open a Head of Batta, and that Rupees for the Payment of the Seapoys should likewise be sent thither.

ISSUE OF STORES Pag^{s}. 118–33–72.

On Account the Company	63	11	72
On Account the Nabob	55	22	—
	118	33	72

Vouchers of all Deliverys should be sent up.

We can't help observing there are many unnecessary Salutes, and a large Monthly charge of Wax Cloth Cordage & Candles.

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As the Account for July, August and September, are equally irregular with this, We are of opinion they should not be passed.

We are with respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedt. Humble Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN WALSH.
JAS. ALEXANDER.
JAS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE.
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ACCOUNT SALE OF THE HONBLE COMPANY'S BROAD CLOTH & LEAD BY PUBLICK OUTCRY ON THE USUAL TERMS VIZT.

The Time of sale.	Quality of the Goods.	Lot or Quantity.	Invoice Price.	Price put up at.	Price sold at.	Amount of each Lot.	To whom sold.
20th. Novr. 1755.	2 Aurora .. .. Broad Cloth 2 Ordny. dº. 2 Green.	6 Bales.	Pags. 500 3 60	Pags. 575.	..	Pags. 576	Arnagady Chitty.
	dº. ..	dº.	dº.	dº.	..	dº. 576	ditto.
	dº. ..	dº.	dº.	dº.	..	dº. 576	ditto.
	dº. ..	dº.	dº.	dº.	..	dº. 576	Paupah Chitty.
	dº. ..	dº.	dº.	dº.	..	dº. 576	ditto.
	dº. ..	dº.	dº.	dº.	..	dº. 576	Sheally Chitty.
	dº. ..	dº.	dº.	dº.	..	dº. 576	ditto.
	dº. ..	dº.	dº.	dº.	..	dº. 576	Eeerana Chitty.
	dº. ..	dº.	dº.	dº.	..	dº. 576	Poolian Chitty.
	dº. ..	dº.	dº.	dº.	..	dº. 576	Bussavapah Chitty.
	dº. ..	dº.	dº.	dº.	..	dº. 576	ditto.
		66 Bales.				6336	
	Nº. 1 Lead	20 Candy	dº. 11 14 44	dº. 13	Pags. 13 9	265	Bussavapah Chitty.
					Pagodas ..	6601	

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ERRORS EXCEPTED

HENRY POWNEY
Impt. Wareh°. Keeper.

FORT ST. GEORGE 24TH. SEPTEMBER 1755.

Goods for Packing and Sale.

1755—40

Dr.

		Wax Cloth. ps. co.	Long Cloth. ps. co.	Salampores. ps. co.	Gunneys. Pieces.	Ropes. Ca. md. tt.	Twine. Ca. md. tt.	Cotton. Ca. md. tt.	Gunney Bags.	Pags. Fa. ca.
MAY 1ST.	To Ballance.	77 28	— 55	2 12	14584	68 19 24	23 — 8	— 6 6	75	1675 — 20
31	To Cash	— —	— —	— —	—	—		1 — —		42 — —
JUNE 30	To Long Cloth.	— —	56 —	— —	—	—				126 15 24
JULY 31	To Cash..	— —	— —	— —	—	—				98 31 55
								2 9 11		
		77 28	56 55	2 12	14854	68 19 24	23 — 8	3 15 7	75	1942 11 19
	To Profit and Loss gained.	— —	— —	— —	—	— — —	—	—	—	40 13 54
									Pags.	1982 24 73

ERRORS EXCEPTED

℔ ROBERT ORME EXPT. W.H.KR.

Cr.

Used &	Sold 1755	Wax Cloth. pr. co.	Long Cloth. ps. co.	Salampores. ps. co.	Gunneys. Pieces.	Ropes. Ca. md. tt.	Twine. Ca. md. tt.	Cotton. Ca. md. tt.	Gunney Bags.	Pag. Fs. Ca.
MAY 31	By	— —	— —	— —	70	— 1 5	— 1 13	— — 3	—	7 5 48
JUNE 30	By	56 14	49 14	— —	827	2 9 6	— 13 24	— 15 24	—	374 6 42
JULY 31	By	6 10	6 46		1202	— 4 6	— 9 6	— 3 6	—	139 7 68
AUGST. 31	By	2 4	— —	— —	—	— — —	— 3 —	— — 4	—	10 19 44
	By Profit & Loss	— —	— —	— —	—	— — —	— — —	— — —	75	3 27 —
		64 28	55 59	— —	2099	2 14 17	1 12 18	— 19 12	75	534 30 42
	By Ballance remg.	13 —	1 5	2 12	12485	66 5 7	21 7 15	2 16 5		1447 30 31
		77 28	56 55	2 12	14584	68 19 24	23 — 1	3 15 37	75	Pags. 1982 24 73

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29th. Received by Pattamars General Letter from Bandarmalanka dated 12th. Instant.

December 1st. Received by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 27th. ultº.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.

TUESDAY THE 2D.

STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEXANDER WYNCH.
——— ———. JOHN SMITH.

Mr. Perceval at Camp.

Mr. Bourchier Absent with leave.

The Book of Standing orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 24th. Ultº. read and signed.

Messrs. Mackay and Smith two of the Aldermen presented by the Mayor's Court & Mr. Mackay chosen Mayor for the ensuing year.

This being the first Thursday in December when by the Charter the Mayor's Court is to elect two of their Body and present them to the President and Council who are to choose one of them to be Mayor for the year ensuing. The said Court having signified by a Message that they are ready to make such presentation they are introduced and John Walsh Esqr. the present Mayor acquaints the Board that the Mayor's Court have chosen Messr. George Mackay and John Smith two of the Aldermen who are now presented accordingly the Mayor and Aldermen then withdrew and the Board proceeding immediately to the Election of One of the two Aldermen presented. Mr. George Mackay is unanimously chosen to be Mayor of Madrasspatnam &cª. for the year ensuing.

Mr. James Bourchier chosen Sherif.

This being also the Day on which the President and Council are directed by the Charter to Elect a new Sherif Mr. James Bourchier is unanimously chosen to that Office for the ensuing year.

Notice of the Elections to be given.

Ordered that the Secretary give notice to the Mayor's Court and the New Sherif respectively of the aforementioned Elections.

General Letter read.

General Letters read Vizr.

From Bandamlanka.

Nº. 146 From Mr. John Andrews at Bandamalanka dated 12th. ultº. acknowledging the receipt of Our Letter with Five thousand (5000) Pagodas for Vizagapatam which He forwarded endorsing the Accounts of that Settlement for October and acquainting Us that He sent his Account Quick Stock overland.

From Fort St. David.

Nº. 147 From Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Governour &ca. Council at Fort St. David dated the 27th. ultº. acknowledging the receipt of Ours the 18th. with twenty thousand (20000) Pagodas and acquainting us that the Exchange of Fanams at that Place is forty two for a Pagoda but that they have never been able to procure a sufficient supply. Enclosing several depositions relating to a Murder and advising that Bowanies security being Deemed sufficient they have taken their joint Bond and advanced them five thousand (5000) Pagodas. That although Paupa Rauze and Irshippa Chitty paid in five thousand (5000) Pagodas they still owed a large Ballance and the reason of their being called upon was that they had brought in a fifth part of the Cloth they promised by September but they have now advanced them five thousand (5000) Pagodas each in consequence of our Orders. That Mr. Sloper having some Affairs to settle desires leave to come hither, requesting a further supply of Cash. Cloth on hand at the Washers, Dyers & Embaled one hundred and Twenty two Bales.

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Agreed that Ten thousand (10000) Pagodas be sent to Fort S^{t}. David by Peons and that the Gentlemen there be acquainted that as the Exchange of Fanams at fortytwo is more advantageous than the Exchange at this Place we imagine they may supply themselves on terms that will answer better than sending them from hence. That the two Prisoners they have in custody on suspicion of Murder must be sent up here by the beginning of next month to take their Tryals at the Quarter Sessions to be held the 8th. of Janry that the witnesses should also be here by that time and their Expences must be born by the Company. That if M^{r}. Sloper can be spared without prejudice to his Employs he may come up hither to settle his Affairs.

10000 Pags. to be sent to St. David and a Letter to be wrote to the Gentlemen there to supply themselves with Fans. to send up two Prisoners for Murder & Witnesses that Mr. Sloper may come up hither.

A Letter from the Register of the Mayor's Court dated 14th. October read in Consultation the 23^{d}. October and then ordered to lye on the Table to be further considered being now again read together with an Additional List of Fees to be annexed to the Employs of the Officers of that Court and to the Sherifs The Board do approve thereof Ordered that the said Letter and Additional List together with the Original List approved and signed by the President the 4th. Sep^{r}. 1753—be now Entered after these Minutes.

Letter from the Mayor's Court with an Additional List of Fees.

Approved.

M^{r}. Charles Simpson is now called before the Board upon the Complaint made in Consultation the 17th. ult^{o}. for neglect of Duty and being acquainted by the President of what is alledged against him, says in his justification that an indisposition of which he is not yet recovered has been the occasion of his not attending to his Business, but it appearing to the Board that his indisposition is not of such a Nature as to prevent his executing the Business assigned him, he is reprimanded and stationed under the Secretary.

Mr. Charles Simpson reprimanded for negligence & removed from the Accountants into the Secretarys Office.

The Secretary to the Select Committee being in want of another Assistant Agreed that M^{r}. John Douglas now an Assistant in the Accomptant's Office be stationed under him.

Mr. Douglas removed from the Accountant's Office & Placed under the Secretary to the Select Committee.

A Proposal from the present Manager of the Powder Mill John De Roos is laid before the Board and entered hereafter whereby he undertakes to make and deliver Gunpowder at Ten Pagodas ℔ Candy, all the Charges of refining, Wages, & Pay to Coolies, & feeding the Oxen to be on his Account, the Mill with the present appurtenances to be kep'd in repair by the Company who are also to supply him with Materials at their charge. It appearing on a calculate that should the proposer perform his Undertaking a great saving will be made in the charge of the Gunpowder Agreed that a tryal be made agreable to the terms of the Proposal.

A Proposal from John De Roos for making Gunpowder.

a Tryal to be made.

The Ballance of Pagodas in the Treasury and Cash Chest being small and Linga Chitty having proposed to purchase thirty thousand Pagodas worth of Rupees at the present current Price of three hundred & sixty one for one hundred Pagodas amounting to one hundred and eight Thousand three hundred Rupees Agreed that his proposal be accepted that the Rupees be now delivered him and that he pay the value in Pagodas on the following Days Viz^{r}. Ten thousand Pagodas on the 13th. Instant, Ten thousand Pagodas more on the 23^{d}. Instant and the remaining Ten thousand Pagodas on the 2^{d}. January next.

30000 Pags. worth of Rupees sold Linga Chitty @ 361.

The Export Warehousekeeper acquaints the Board that Moota Chellimbrum and Wydelingum two Merchants of good Credit have offered to provide a Parcell of Soot Romalls at thirteen Pagodas ℔ Corge. Agreed that two Thousand (2000) Pagodas be advanced them for that purpose.

Moota Chillimbrum &c. Advanced for Soot Romals.

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Cash Account Read.

The President reads the Cash Account for last Month Ballance then remaining compared with the Chest Eleven Thousand Five hundred and Forty seven Current Pagodas thirty one Fanams and fifty nine Cash (11547–31–59) and Four Thousand One hundred and Fifty seven Madrass Pagodas twenty Four Fanams and Ten Cash (4157–24–10) which is carried forward.

Sea Customer pays in 1000 Pags.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in one thousand (1000) Pagodas on his running Account.

Commissary pays in 10000 Pags.

Robert Orme Commissary for keeping the Nabob account in Ten thousand (10000) Pagodas on that Account.

Gruah pays in a Years Rent of Perembore &ca.

Gruapah Farmer of Perembore &c. villages pay in seven hundred (700) Pagodas in full for One years Rent of that Farm due the 1st. September last when the Cowle Expired.

Advance to to the Comy.

And to the Military Storekr.

Agreed that Forty Thousand (40000) Arcot Rupees be advanced the Commissary to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad And that Fifteen hundred (15000) Pagodas be advanced the Military Storekeeper for the charges of that Employ.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.

THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH.

		Dr.		
To Ballance Brought from last Month. Pags.		32418	7	50
To the Committee of Treasury recd. from the Treasury 20000 Rs. @ 360 ℔%		5555	20	—
To Linga Chitty Farmer of the Trivitore Villages received of him in full for one years Rent of that Farm due the 1st. September last when that Cowle expired		1300	—	—
To Oppajee Nayenar Renter of the Manamangalum Country recd of him (which with Pags. 3000 paid the 15th. Sepr. is) in full for six Months rent of that Cowle due the 1st. August last when the Cowle expired		4000	—	—
To Henry Powney Import Wareho.keeper received of him on his running Account Vizt.				
In Gold ... ... Pags.	4000	—	—	
In Fans. 3600 ...	100	—	—	
		4100	—	—
To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd. of him on his running Account		1000	—	—
To Alexander Wynch Storekeeper recd. of him in full for the Ballance of that Account for last Month		2749	2	26
To Claud Russell Accompt. General of the Mayor's Court recd : of the Register of the said Court Account the Estate of William Beaves deceased		120	4	50
To the Committee of Treasury recd from the Treasury		10000	—	—
To Linga Chitty recd. of him in full of what advanced him the 13th. ulto. for Madrass				
	Pags.			
Pagodas	8000			
Batta @ 9¾ ℔ ct.	780			
		8780	—	—
Carried over ...		70022	34	46

CONTRA.

		Cr :		
6.	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad A.Rs. 20,000 @ 360 ℔%	5555	20	—
13	By Linga Chitty, Tellisinga Chitty, Servannah Chitty & Gundaveddy Vencata Ramah Chitty advanced them for the Provisions of Fine Goods	15000	—	—
—	By Tonapah Condapah & Ninepah Painters advanced them for Painting Chints	10000	—	—
19	By Fort St. David sent thither by Peons as ℔ Consultation 10th. Inst.	20000	—	—
23	By Madrass Pagodas recd. of Linga Chitty as ℔ Contra	8000	—	—
—	By Batta paid Linga Chitty the premium of 9¾ ℔ Ct. on 8000 Mads. Pagodas	780	—	—
27	By Tellisinga Chitty &c. Merchants advanced them on Acct. of the Investment	10000	—	—
29	By George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master paid him the Ballance of Current Pagodas in that Account for last Month	22	1	45
—	By Madrass Pagodas for the Mint October Ballance	296	—	—
Carried over ...		69653	21	45

THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH—*cont.*

	Brought forward ...	70022	34	46		Brought forward ...	69653	21	45
To George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master recd. of him the Ballance of Madrass Pagodas on that Account for last Month ... ... M.Ps.		296	—	—					
To Henry Powney Import Warehº.keeper recd. of him on his running Account		4500	—	—					
To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd. of him on his running Account Vizt.									
	Pags.								
In Gold	500								
In Fanams 7200	200								
		700	—	—					
To William Perceval Land Customer recd. of him for last Months Ballance of that account Vizt.									
	Pa. Fa. Ca.								
In Gold	252 — —								
In Fanams 7200	163 — 57								
		415	—	57					
To Claud Russell Accomptant General of the Mayors Court recd. of the Register of the said Court Account the Estate of Lieut. John Kemp Deceased		118	7	1					
To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah & Permaul Kellava Chitty Beetle and Tobacco Farmers recd. of them in full for one months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. October last Vizt.									
	Pa. Fa. Ca.								
In Gold	200 — —								
In Fanams 16800	466 24 —								
		666	24	—					
To Pitloor Vencatta Kistnah & Permall Kellava Chitty Farmers of the arrack & wine License recd. of them in full for one Months Rent of that Farm due 1st. October in Fanams 12000.		333	12	—	29	By John Smith Paymaster advanced him for Disbursements in that Employ Fanams 72000.	2000	—	—
To Current Pagodas recd. from the Treasury ...		10000	—	—					
	Carried over ...	87052	6	24		Carried over ...	71653	21	45

THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH—*cont.*

	Brought forward ...	87052	6	24		Brought forward	71653	21	45
	To Batta gaind by the Exchange of 1000 Pags. into Fanams @ fans. 41. 30 Cash ℔ Paga. the difference between that real and the nominal Exchg. of 36 Fans. ℔ Paga. is 5375 Fanams @ 36 ℔ Paga.	149	11	—	29	By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him to pay the Military &c.	4000	—	—
							75653	21	45
					..	By Ballance carried to next Month's Account.	11547	31	59
		87201	17	24		STAR OR CURRT: PAGODAS ...	87201	17	24

ERRORS EXCEPTED.
℔ GEORGE PIGOT.

MADRASS PAGODAS.

CONTRA.

		Dr: Pa.	Fa.	Ca.			Cr: Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
1.	To Ballance brought from last Month's Account.	861	24	10	23d.	By Ingeram Factory sent thither by Peons ...	5000	—	—
23	To the Honble Company's Cash received of Linga Chitty in full of his Contract	8000	—	—	29.	By Ballance carried to next Month's Account.	4157	24	10
29.	To the Honble Company's Cash for the Mint Octr. Ballance	296	—	—					
	MADRASS PAGODAS ...	9157	24	10		MADRASS PAGODAS ...	9157	24	10

ERRORS EXCEPTED.
℔ GEORGE PIGOT.

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A TABLE OF FEES SETTLED BY THE HONBLE THE MAYOR'S COURT OF MADRASPATNAM AND APPROVED AND SIGN'D BY THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST: GEORGE.

For every Precept, Warrant of Arrest, and Warrant of Execution, Eighteen Fanams, to be paid out of that to the Sheriffs, Serjs. for serving the same four Fanams.

For any Petition that is read or by any other Paper, He is to charge six Fanams each and for filing any Petition or other necessary Paper Nine Fanams each.

For attesting any Paper not exceeding one side Twelve Fanams if it exceeds nine Fanams each side.

For summoning any Person six Fanams to be paid out of that two Fanams to the Sheriff's Serjt.

For Copying any Paper not exceeding one side Eighteen fanams, if it exceeds, Twelve fanams each side.

For Affixing the Court Seal to any Paper Ten Fanams To be paid out of that six Fanams to the Mayor.

For every Entry of Court, Three Fanams.

For every Order or Judgement of Court six Fanams, For a Copy of the same six Fanams.

For the taking of Bail six Fanams.

For Affixing a Note at the Sea Gate, Eighteen Fanams to be paid out of that six Fanams to the Translator.

For every Affidavit Four Fanams.

For Registering any Paper not exceeding one side Eighteen Fanams.

For drawing out a Letter of Attorney One Pagoda.

For every Letter of administration Eighteen Fanams.

For Protesting Bills of Exchange One Pagoda Registering Ditto & Protest One Pagoda.

ON WILLS.

Reading a Will Twenty Fanams.

Registering of Wills if not exceeding one side Eighteen Fanams.

Probat with the Seal of Court Twenty eight Fanams.

Summoning the Witnesses Twenty four Fanams.

Swearing each Witness Three Fanams.

EXAMINER'S FEES.

For Swearing every Witness Three Fanams.

For examining and taking Depositions for every one Nine Fanams.

For all Copys of Depositions six Fanams.

For a Summons to any Person to appear at the Examiners Office Twelve Fanams to be paid out of that Four Fanams to the Court Serjt.

For a Note to be delivered to the Defendants Attorney before he is examined Two Fanams.

For Translating of Papers nine Fanams the first side and six Fanams for every other side.

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ATTORNEY'S FEES.

All Persons that Employ an Attorney to act for them in any Cause are first to deposite in his hands Three Pagodas of which he is to give an Account when the Cause is ended.

Attorney's Fee One Pagoda.

For writing a Petition Eighteen Fanams each side of a Sheet of Paper.

Pleading each Court day and Attendance nine Fanams.

Translating any Paper Eighteen Fanams a side to be paid out of that to the Translator six Fanams.

Attendance on a Client in the White Town nine Fanams.

Attendance on a Client in the Black Town Twelve Fanams.

For drawing out the Interrogatories in the whole Cause Eighteen Fanams.

SHERIFF'S FEES.

Commission upon all Levys & Executions 5 ℔ C^{t}. under two hundred Pagodas, & 2½ ℔ C^{t}. on all above.

For Executing all Warrants & Summons Ten Fanams.

N.B.—

Upon every Cause that is decided the Interpreter to have Nine Fanams.

Upon all Summons to the Blacks He is to have one Fanam.

THOMAS SAUNDERS GOV^{R}:

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.
THE 4TH. SEPTEM^{R}. 1753.

TO THE HON̄BLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

HON̄BLE SIR & SIRS

I am Ordered by the Hon̄ble the Mayors Court to lay before your Honour &c^{a}. a list of sundry Fees which the said Court have approved of, to be annexed to the Employs of their Officers, and to the Sheriffs, most of the same having been formerly (but Omitted in the present List affixed in the Town Hall) and those added, Esteemed to be necessary & proper.

The said List accordingly comes inclosed which it is hoped, will meet with your Confirmation.

I am
HON̄BLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^{t}. Servant

DAN^{L}: MORSE,
Reg^{r}.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.
14TH. OCT^{R}. 1755.

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Sundry Fees approved of by the Honble the Mayor's Court at Madraspatnam this 14th. Day of October 1755 to be annexed to the Employs of their Offices and to the Sheriffs.

COURT OFFICERS.

REGISTER.

Upon all Sales made by the Register, by Order of the Court, He is to draw 5 ℔ Cent as far as 200 Pagodas but if it exceed that sum 2½ ℔ Cent.

Upon all Dividends made by him, by Order of the Court 1 ℔ Cent.

NOTARY PUBLICK.

For Sealing up the Effects of any Deceased Person 5 Pagodas.

For drawing out Protests eighteen Fanams each side and attendance nine Fanams.

EXAMINER.

For attending on a Witness in the Black Town, for every Visit 1 Pagoda.

Do. – – – White – – – – 12 Fanams.

For Copying a Deposition or any other Papers six Fanams each side.

N.B.—All Figures in Accounts are to be charged as if separate Words.

INTERPRETER.

Attendance on a Witness at his House to Interpret to the Examiner 6 Fanams.

Interpreting Witnesses at their Examination 6 Fanams, out of which the Brahminey or Mollah to have Two Fanams, if the Evidence be Pagan or Mahometan.

Interpreting Oaths in Court three Fanams.

COURT SERJEANTS.

For serving a petty Summons 4 Fanams.

For serving a Decree & Copy 4 Fanams.

For attendance in taking Care of the Effects in any Person's House or Godown untill such Effects shall be delivered to the Sheriff or any other Person the Court shall appoint 12 Fanams ℔ day and the same ℔ Night.

When Bail is given six Fanams.

SHERIFFS BALIFFS.

For serving every Precept within 5 miles 9 Fanams, 10 miles 18 Fanams &cª.

For summoning any Person, or arresting any Person on board a Ship in the Road 14 Fanams Extraordinary.

For going on Board any Vessel in the Road to put the Sheriff's Seal on her or other service 14 Fanams Extraordinary.

For making an exact return to the Sheriff of all the Effects ordered to be seized by Warrant of Execution & sealing up the same 22 Fanams.

GOALER.

Upon receiving a Prisoner into his Custody 5 Fanams.

Attending a Prisoner to Walk out 6 Fanams.

DANL: MORSE,
Regr.

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STATE of the Powder Mill at present, with its Appurtenances.

The Mill with 16 Mortars compleat.

5 Stones to beat Salt petre & 5 Leavers.
28 Bullocks
8 Copper Crows
2 d°. Hammers
6 d°. Malle:s
6 d°. Scrapers
38 Tarpaulins
6 Copper Seives
4 Hair d°

For Bailing Saltpetre.

1 Large Copper Boiler
12 Copper Pots
2 Small d°.
2 Copper Ladles
2 d°. Skimmers.
24 Leaguer Tubs.
6 Cloth Strainers

Small Copper Beam & Scales 1. with the following weights.

28 lb 1
14 d°. 1
7 d°. 1
4 d°. 1
2 d°. 1
1 d°. 1
½ d°. 1
¼ d°. 1

For Boiling Brimstone.

1 Iron Boiler.
2 d°. Ladles.
2 d°. Skimmers.
24 d°. Torches.

1 Copper Beam with Wooden Scales and the following Weights.

½ ⊗	...	...	4
¼ d°.	...	...	1
14 lb.	...	...	1
7 d°.	...	...	1
4 d°.	...	...	1
2 d°.	...	...	1
1 d°.	...	...	1
½ d°.	...	...	1
¼ d°.	...	...	1

If the Honble Company will be pleased to Entrust me with the sole Management of their Powder Mill and making Powder for them here, I must request they will allow me the Powder Mill with all its Appurtenances, as they are mentioned on the other side, always in good order and well Conditioned and if any of them are or should be broke or worn out, to be replaced or repair'd by them at their Cost, as well as the Bullocks and they will please to give me Viz^{t}.

12 yards of Green Cloth yearly as usual for Strainers.

2 Carpenters & 1 Smith with all things necessary for the Repair of the Mill and its Appurtenances, and if there should be occasion for more workmen, such as Carpenters, Smiths &c^{a}. for the aforesaid purpose the same to be allowed me for the time it shall be necessary.

2 Peons and 1 Lascar.

Barrells for the Powder.

If any Accident shall happen by Fire or otherwise the Loss to be on their Account.

To furnish me timely with a sufficient Quantity of Brimstone and Salt petre because the longer they remain refined before used, the better.

To allow me Ten Pagodas for every Candy of Powder that I shall make and deliver to them.

On these conditions I promise & Engage to furnish them with Gunpowder of the proof herewith sent, in the undermentioned proportion Viz.

For Salt Petre	...	...	500
Brimstone	...	...	80
Charcoal	...	...	100
	lb.	...	680
Deduct 25 ℔ Cent for Wastage in refining &c.	...	...	170
I will deliver Gunpowder ..	...	lb.	510

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All the rest of the Charges such as my Wages, Paying the Cooleys, feed-the Oxen, refining the Saltpetre and Brimstone to be on my Account.

The License or permit for my making Powder to be for a certain limitted time as to them shall seem good.

JOHN DE ROOS.

If the President and Council think proper to Entrust me with the Management of this Business on the foregoing terms, I promise to deliver them Annually 240 Candys of Good Powder, or more, they obliging themselves to take all that may be made of the proper Proofs.

JOHN DE ROOS.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.
2^{D}. DEC^{R}. 1755.

2^{D} Deliver'd to M^{r}. Smith his Instructions as Supra Vizor of DeveCotah, Dated this Day.

... Sent by Tappies General Letter to M^{r}. Charles Hopkins at DeveCotah dated this Day.

3 Sent by Peons General Letter to Fort St. David dated this day with ten thousand Pagodas.

4 The Sentence of the General Court Martial for enquiring into the conduct of Alexander Heron Esq^{r}. Major of the Company's Forces on this Coast having been sent to Fort S^{t}. David for the revisal of Col^{l}. Adlercron Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces and returned from thence with his approval, was this Day communicated by the Court Martial to Col. Heron by which sentence he is acquitted of the 2^{d}. and 4th. Articles of the charge but found Guilty of the 1st. and 3^{d}. The President being also acquainted with the sentence summoned a Board to meet early tomorrow morning to consider what further measures to take.

For the Articles of the Charge vide Consultation 15th Oct^{r}.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}: GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.

FRIDAY THE 5TH. STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. — —
— —

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M^{r}. Wynch *Indisposed.*
M^{r}. Perceval *at Camp.*
M^{r}. Smith *Gone to DeveCotah to supravize the Accounts.*
M^{r}. Bourchier *absent with leave.*

Col. Heron havg. left the Settlement without leave a party of Horse & Seapoys sent after him.

The Council being met the President Communicated the sentence of the Court Martial and acquainted the Board that his Intention in assembling them at this time was to consider what further measures were to be taken but that this Morning at nine of the Clock he was informed that Col: Heron set out at five of the Clock as it was imagined for Sadrass and Judging that his intentions might be to take refuge at Pondicherry and put himself under the Protection of the French in which case he might be of great disservice to the Company's Affairs by informing them of many circumstances that must have come to his knowledge whilst he sat at the Board and Commanded the Army,

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and as he could not be reclaimed as a Deserter being dismissed the service by the sentence of the Court Martial These considerations induced him immediately on receiving news of Col. Heron's Flight to dispatch a party of seapoys, and also four Troopers well mounted in pursuit of him.

Which the Board approve.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
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— —

This day at Noon the Troopers who were yesterday sent in pursuit of Col: Heron returned and reported that only one of them had been able to come up with him the Horses of the rest tiring on the road that as soon as Col: Heron was informed by his servants of the Troopers approach he leapt out of his Palankeen and stood on his Guard being arm'd with a Sword a Carbine and a Case of Pistols, that the Trooper having told Col: Heron the Governours Orders that he should return, he refus'd to comply and bid him depart or he would instantly shoot him, That the Trooper seeing Col: Heron so Arm'd and determined that it best to return without attempting any violence. 6

Received by Pattamars General Letter from Vizagapatam dated the 14th. Inst. 8

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR: GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT. MONDAY THE 8th. DECR.
STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEXANDER WYNCH.
— — — —

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Mr. Perceval *at Camp.*
Mr. Smith *at DeveCotah.*
Mr. Bourchier *absent with leave.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of the two last Consultations dated the 2d. and 5th. Instant read and signed.

No. 148 General Letter from Charles Boddam Esqr. Chief &c. Council at Vizagapatam dated the 14th. ultimo read, Acknowledging the receit of Our Letter of the 13th. Octor. with the five Thousand Pagodas sent them and acquainting us that in consequence of a Letter from the Register of the Mayor's Court they had received into the Company's Cash Chest as a deposit the sum of four Thousand four hundred and ninety six and a half Rupees (4496½), belonging to the Estate of Stephen Holloway Bunyan deceas'd desiring our directions whether they shall bring it into their Current Cash. Representing that the Pay of their Seapoys being only two and an half Rupees & their Peons two Rupees ℔ Month which they are unable to subsist on whereas the seapoys at the other Northen Settlements have five and an half Rupees ℔ month they therefore desire an advance of Pay, enclosing their Monthly Papers. Cloth on hand two hundred and thirty one Corge Eighteen Pieces. General Letter from Vizagapatam read.

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No encrease of Pay to be allowed the Peons &c. at Vizagapatam.

Agreed to write to the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam that we can on no Account allow of an Encrease of Pay to their seapoys and Peons as any Number might be procured at that Settlement at the present Rate.

Letter from the Mayors' Court with five Pagodas for a fine levied.

Letter from the Register of the Mayor's Court dated the 2d. Instant read as entered hereafter signifying that he is directed to pay five Pagodas into the Company's Cash for a fine levyed by the said Court.

The Mayor's Court desired to pay in the fines levied once a year.

Ordered that the same be received and that the Secretary write to the Mayor's Court to desire they will direct their Register to keep an Account of all Fines levied and pay the Amount into the Company's Cash once in every year.

Commissioners of the Court of Requests notifyg. their Annual Election.

Letter from the Commissioners of the Court of Requests dated the 4th. Instant read as entered hereafter signifying that in pursuance of the Charter they had that day chosen in New Members, and as some inconveniencies had arisen from the Number of Commissioners being no more than Eight, and thinking themselves Authorized by the 112th. Paragraph of the Company's Letter dated 31st. January last to choose in any Number of Commissioners at every Annual Election provided the whole do not exceed twenty four they had added twelve New Ones to the four remaining of last years Election.

Committee of Account Report on the St. David Account for June.

A Report from the Committee of Accounts Dated 5th. Instant relating to the Fort St. David Accounts for the Month of June read as Entered hereafter, whereon the following Orders are made Vizt.

CASH ACCOUNT.

Paragraph 2d.

Ordered that this Account be kep'd in the manner recommended in the Report and that a Head be opened of Batta on Rupees.

STOREKEEPER'S ACCOUNTS.

That a Diary be kep'd of Disbursements, Receits and Issues of Stores and that the next sett of Storehouse Books be kep'd upon the Model of those at this Presidency.

MILITARY STOREKEEPER'S ACCOUNTS.

Paragraph 4th.

That a Diary be also kep'd in this Employ.

5—6

That proper Vouchers be produced for all Stores Issued.

7

That no Stores be purchased at St. David which can be had from hence the price in general being higher there than here.

UNDER THE HEAD OF NABOB MAHOMUD ALLY CAWN.

8

That the Artificers at Camp & the Out Garrisons be paid at the places where they are employed and that none be paid at St. David but such as are employed there.

UNDER THE HEAD OF CHARGES GENERAL.

9

That sufficient Advances be made in Fanams to this and every other Employ to answer all such Payments as do not Amount to a Pagoda and that at the Foot of every Monthly Account a Memorandum be made expressing the Number of Fanams received and disbursed and the Ballances remaining.

SEA AND LAND CUSTOMER OF CUDDALORE
AND
TEVENEPATAM CUSTOMER.

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The like Order as on Paragraph 9th.

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PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNTS.

Paragrap

Under the Head of Charges Garrison.

That all Expences in Burying the Military be defrayed by the Captain of the Company to which they belong. 12

UNDER THE HEAD OF PARTICULAR PERSONS.

That the Gentlemen at Fort S^{t}. David be directed to enquire and inform Us whether Mr. Hancock has received Pay as Surgeon and Mate or whether his Name was inserted as Mate by mistake instead of M^{r}. Masseys. 13

That it be recommended to the Gentlemen at Fort St. David to reduce the Number of Peons if the service can possibly admit of it. 14

UNDER THE HEAD OF FORTIFICATIONS AND REPAIRS.

That the Engineers Accounts as well as all others be laid monthly before the Committee herein after appointed. 15

The like Order as on Paragraph 9th. 16

That it be recommended to the Gentlemen at Fort S^{t}. David to see that the Company be put to no unnecessary Expences under his Head. 17

MILITARY PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT UNDER THE HEAD OF CHARGES GARRISON.

That like Order as on Paragraph 9th. 18

That as the Charge of Feeding Bullocks is larger than what is allowed here enquiry be made by the Gentlemen at S^{t}. David whence it arises. 19

Ordered that the Deputy Governour of Fort S^{t}. David the Accomptant there, and M^{r}. Robert Sloper be a Committee of Accounts to examine monthly all the Accounts of that Settlement in like manner as the Committee of Accounts at this Place and report their observations to the Board there, and that a copy of such report be sent up monthly together with the Accounts to which it relates.

Troop Horses 6 Pags. ℔ mo. ea. allowed for Feeding & all charges.

The charges of Feeding the Troop Horses and other incident Expences being defrayed by the Paymaster it appears by his Accounts that on an Average the Monthly charge of each Horse is upwards of seven Pagodas, and the President now offering to take upon himself the care of having them fed and provided with all necessarys at the rate of six Pagodas ℔ month each, as a saving will be made by this Contract the Board agree thereto.

Messrs. Powney, Orme & Wynch Contract for furnishg. Bullocks at Camp.

Messrs. Powney, Orme and Wynch, now Offer to contract for furnishing the Camp and all other Military services with Draught and Carriage Bullocks on the following Terms.

1st. That the Draught Bullocks be paid whilst on service at the Rate of five Fanams ℔ day.

2^{d}. That the Carriage Bullocks be paid for whilst on service at the rate of four Fanams ℔ day.

3^{d}. That the Fanams be valued at 41 ℔ Pagoda.

4th. That the Drivers and Attendants be paid for by the Company.

The Board taking these proposals into consideration find them reasonable and they are agreed to.

Money paid in Acct. the Mayor's Court.

A Certificate from the Accomptant General of the Mayor's Court is now laid before the Board, that the Register is to pay in the sum of fifty one Pagodas thirty four Fanams (51–34) to be placed to the Credit of the said Court.

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Ordered that the said sum be received into Cash Chest and a receipt is now signed for the same.

Import Warehouse-kr. &

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in Four thousand seven hundred (4700) Pagodas on his running Account.

Sea Customer, pay in money.

Henry Powney Sea Customer received of him seven hundred (700) Pagodas on his running Account.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR: WYNCH.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST: GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I am directed by the Honble the Mayor's Court to acquaint your Honr. &ca. that they have this day ordered the sum of Five (5) Pagodas which they have levied by Fine to be paid into the Honble Company's Cash.

I am with Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servant

DANL: MORSE,
Regr.

FORT ST: GEORGE.
THE 2D. DECEMBER 1755.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST: GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Having met this day agreeable to the Directions of his Majesty's Royal Charter in order to Ballot for new Members of the Court of Requests, and considering the inconveniency that has hitherto accrued from the Number of Commissioners being no more than Eight, which by reading the 112th. Paragraph of the Honble Company's Letter dated the 31st. Janry. last we are induced to conceive may be remidied by Electing a greater Number, as it is said the Commissioners upon the annual Election may consist of any Number not exceeding twenty four We have therefore added to the four remaining of those Ballotted in last year, Twelve more—who are as follow—Messrs. George Pyne, John Davidson—Alexander Dalrymple, John Palmer, Thomas Kelsall, John Maxwell Stone, Archdale Palmer, Edward Burman, Thomas Savage, John Spratt, Francis Taylor and Hamilton Parkinson—We are.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Humble servants

SAML: ARDLEY.
MATT: CLARKE.
CLAUD RUSSELL.
WILLIAM ALDERSEY.
PETER MARIETT.

FORT ST: GEORGE.
THE 4TH. DECEMR. 1755.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1755* ——

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &c. Council
of Fort St. George.

Paragraph.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We now present you with Our remarks on the St. David Accounts for the Month of June. 1st.

Cash Account.

We observe in the present method of keeping this Account, the Rupees and Pagodas are so blended, that we think two distinct Accounts should be kep'd of Rupees and Pagodas and that a Head be kep'd of Batta on Rupees. 2d.

Storekeeper's Accts.

We do not find any Diary of the Stores Disbursed, which we think immediately necessary as no explanation is given of their Disbursement, and so soon as the Books of the present year are compleated, that they open their next upon the same model that the Storekeeper's are kep'd here. The Accounts for this month are not signed. 3

Military Storekeeper's Acct.

As the Disbursements under this Employ are considerably larger than those of the Storekeeper's a Diary becomes more necessary. 4

We cannot judge how far the Issues of Stores may be necessary. 5

The Disbursements of Cash amot. to Pags. 827–26–46.

Wax Cloth 140 Pieces at Pags. 3 ℔ piece Pags. 420.

We must remark the Quantity of Cloth and the high price of it appears to us extraordinary. 6

In general the Stores purchased are at higher Rates than at this place. 7

Nabob Mahomed Ally Cawn—Pags. 24. 11.

This charge is Chiefly for Artificers employed in Camp & at Trichinopoly, which We think shou'd be paid by the Commanding Officer of the latter and the former by the Commissary in Camp. 8

Charges General Pags. 264–14–46.

This is a large Amount, and the greatest part of disbursed in Fanams cast up at 36 to the Pagoda, at the same time We observe that the Military Storekeeper has had no advance in Fanams this Month. 9

Import & Warehouse & Export.

We have nothing particular to remark. 10

Sea & Land Custr: of Cuddalore & Tevenapatam Custr.

We observe the Ballances of these Accounts are express'd so much in Gold and so much in Fanams & Cash but as to the Receipts & Disbursements, what part is in Gold & what in Fans. is not specified. 11

Paymasters Acct:

Charges Garrison

We observe a charge of Pags. 5–18 for winding sheets to the Military, which we think should be defrayed by the Captains of the Companys to which they belong, as it is Ordered at this Place. 12

Particular Persons.

Tyso Saul Hancock is allowed Pags. 15 ℔ Month as Mate, and receives Pay as Surgeon also—but must remark at the same time that Mr. Masseys Pay has

not been chargd this month. We observe a charge of 279 Peons amounting to Pags. 258–1. We submit it to your Honr. &c. if so large a number is requisite.

FORTIFICATIONS & REPAIRS Pags. 984–11–7.

15 As We have not the Engineer's Accounts We can remark nothing on this Head. The necessity of the Expences we must refer to the consideration of Your Honr. &c.

16 We find the Articles in the Paymaster's Accounts are to a large Amount, great part of which We imagine must have been disbursed in Fanams cast up at 36 to the Pagoda and We find he has had an advance in Fanams this month to the Amount of Pagodas 1200.

17 These Expences are to a very considerable Amount, We leave to your Honr. &ca. consideration the necessity of retrenchg. them.

MILITARY PAYMASTERS Accor: for July.

CHARGES GARRISON.

18 The Military Paymaster has had no advance in Fanams this month, there appears a Gain of Batta on the Payment of disabled Men.

19 We must remark that the Steward's Note for July feeding 27 Bullocks in Camp Amounts to Pagodas 122–34–17.

20 As it is impossible for Us to judge of the necessity of the several Disbursements and the real value of the Stores purchased, we think the Deputy Governour & Council, or a Committee of the Board should scrutinize these Accounts & lay down their Observations & reform what appears amiss in them and this method to be regularly continued.

We have the Honour to be

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR: WYNCH.
JOHN WALSH.
JAS: ALEXANDER.
JAS: BOURCHIER.

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10th The following Cowles were this Day, put up at Outcry in the presence of the President and Council at the Sea Gate and were cryed down as undermentioned Vizt.

PADDY FIELDS & SALT PANS — — to Poombavay Vellapah the last Renter for one year from the 12th. Inst. to the 11th. Decemr. 1756 for Pags. 715.

COMPANYS OLD GARDEN—to Pery Woodundy—a New Renter of the same term as above for Pags. 240.

— Recd. by Pattamars two General Letters from Ingeram dated the 13th. and 24th. Ultimo. and by the same Pattamars recd. a General Letter dated 16th. Octor. from Mr. Henry Brooke at the Negrais brought there by a Vessell bound to Bengall.

11 Recd. by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 8th. Inst.

12 Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David dated this day.

13 Received by Tappies General Letter from Mr. Charles Hopkins Chief of Devecotah dated 9th. instt.

15 Sent by Peons General Letter to Fort St. David with Ten Thousand (10000) Pagodas.

17 Recd. by Tappies General Letter from Mr. John Smith at DeveCotah Dated 13th. Instant.

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Sent by Peons General Letter to Fort S^{t}. David with Ten Thousand Pagodas. 18

Sent by Pattamars General Letters to Vizagapatam. Ingeram. Bandamalanka. } all Dated this Day

Rec^{d}. by Pattamars General Letter from Bandamalanka Dated 5th. Instant. 19

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}: GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY. SATURDAY THE 20th.

ROBERT ORME. ALEXANDER WYNCH.

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M^{r}. Perceval—*at Camp.*

M^{r}. Smith—*at DeveCotah.*

M^{r}. Bourchier—*absent with leave.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 8th. Inst^{t}. read and signed.

The President reports that he had visited the Hospital, that there were only fifty eight Patients remaining and that he found no reasnable Cause of Complaint.

General Letters read viz^{t}. General Letters read Vizt.

N^{o}. 149 and 150 From Foss Westcott Esq^{r}. Resident at Ingeram, the first dated the 13th. Instant accompanying the Duplicate Sett of Books of that Settlement Ending April 1755 Acknowledging the Receipt of Our Letter of the 13th. Octo^{r}. requesting that we will send him the supply of Cash mentioned in his last Madrass Pagodas five thousand (5000) as his Cash is low and the Merchants are not backward in bringing in Cloth. The other is dated the 24th. Ult^{o}. serving to accompany a Packet from the Negrais received at Ingeram by the Fatima Galley Cloth on hand two hundred & ninety two Corge. From Ingeram.

N^{o}. 151 From M^{r}. Henry Brooke Chief of the Negrais dated the 16th. Octo^{r}. advising that Our Letter of the 3^{d}. April by the Arcot Snow came to hand by M^{r}. Whitehill who arrived there from Syrian thō the Rivers the 26th. Augst. and desiring we will think of some speedier method of giving him our directions as the want of them makes him act with great diffidence. Referring to the Book of occurrences (acompanying this Letter) for the state of Affairs between the contending parties which seems to be pretty equal, that he has but little hopes of being able to accomplish any thing without more Force, and he thinks it will be difficult to act a Neutral Part much longer that he thinks the Upper Rajah is not well satisfied with our settling the Negrais and he is in some pain for the safety of the Arcot Snow at Syrian. That he is endeavouring to settle the Company's Accounts as we directed but he fears it will be almost impossible the Receits & Issues of Stores having been very irregular. That the Cash being low and the Arcot Snow's arrival from Syrian being doubtful he requests a Supply. That He will observe Our Directions with respect to the Court of Pegue & regulate his Conduct accordingly. That he has indented to Bengal for Stores for the Train, Medicines and Grain having no opportunity of sending his Indents immediately to Us. From Negrais.

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From Fort St. David.

N°. 152 from the Deputy Governour &c. Council at Fort S^{t}. David dated the 8th. Instant acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 3^{d}. with Ten thousand (10000) Pagodas and requesting another remittance as Capt. Caillaud has drawn for Eight Thousand (8000) Pagodas and Nella Chitty has desired an advance also requesting a supply of Grain as soon as possible as there is a Famine in the Bounds and the people complain particularly the Regiment Enclosing their Monthly Accounts for October.

From Mr. Hopkins Chief of DeveCotah.

N°. 153 From Mr. Charles Hopkins Chief of DeveCotah dated the 9th. Instant acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 2^{d}. and acquainting Us that He will give M^{r}. Smith all the Lights his bad of State of Health will permit.

From Mr. Smith Supra Vizor at Deve Cotah.

N°. 154 From John Smith Esq^{r}. at DeveCotah dated the 13th. Instant acknowledging the Receit of a Letter from the Committee of the 30th. ultimo enclosing some regulations for the Military and advising that he arrived at DeveCotah the 9th. Inst^{t}. when M^{r}. Hopkins delivered over to him the charge of the Settlement. That the number of Seapoys at that Settlement, Officers included amount to Eight hundred and Twenty three and their pay to sixty Nine thousand six hundred (69600) Rup^{s}. ℔ Ann̄. and that the Number of Peons One hundred whose pay amounts to Pag^{s}. Ninety four and twelve Fanams (94–12) ℔ month that he thinks two Companys of Seapoys and Twenty Peons would be sufficient whereon he requests Our Directions.

From Bandamalanka.

N°. 155 From M^{r}. John Andrews Resident at Bandamalanka dated the 5th. Instant serving to accompany the Accounts of that Settlement for last Month and advising that he has Three thousand four hundred and thirty Pieces of Cloth on hand.

Mr. Smith's Letter from DeveCotah answered.

Agreed to Write M^{r}. Smith at DeveCotah that if he thinks Twenty Peons sufficient for the service of that Settlement we shall much approve of the reduction and in regard to the Seapoys that he is to wait the directions of the Secret Committee.

Committee of Accts. report on the Acct. of this Settlement for July, August, September and orders thereon.

A Report from the Committee of Accounts dated this day relating to the Accounts of this Settlement for July Augst. & Sep^{r}. being read as entered hereafter, the following Orders are made thereon Viz^{t}.

Paragraph in the report.

MILITARY STOREKEEPER'S ACCOUNTS.

2 Approved.

3 The Board having resolved in Consultation the 2^{d}. Instant to make a tryal of the proposals offer'd by John De Roos for making Gun-Powder, whereby (should he perform his Engagements) a very considerable saving will be made this Paragraph requires no further consideration at present.

4 Approved.

5 The Expence of Feeding Bullocks for the Powder House is entirely taken off by the Contract mentioned above in Paragraph 3^{d}.

6 Approved.

7 The large Amount of the purchase of Stores being occasioned by the necessary demand for the use of the Army & Out Garrisons the Board see no remedy.

8 The large Issue of Stores for the service of Nabob Mahomud Ally Cawn cannot be avoided.

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STORKEEPERS ACCOUNTS.

Approved. 9

Ordered that the Storekeeper call upon the Masters of the Company's Vessels from time to time for an Account of Issues and remains of Stores and that such Account be examined and passed before any more Stores be delivered to them. 10

The Board is satisfyed with the Method of casting up the Fanams receed. and paid in the Storekeeper's Accounts. 12

PAYMASTERS ACCOUNTS.

Approved. 13

Ordered that the Paymaster Accounts do constantly lye on the Table at every Consultation for the persual of the Members. 14

Agreed that when Mr. Smith the Paymaster returns from DeveCotah a day be sett apart to draw out a List of fixed charges for the Paymaster to be regulated by. 15

Approved. 16

CASH ACCOUNT.

Approved. 17 18

TREASURY ACCOUNTS.

Approved. 19

On revisal of the Export & Import Warehouse—Engineers—Military Paymasters—Sea and Land Customers—and Mint Accounts—the Board find no objection to passing them. 20

Approved. 21

The several Accounts abovementioned are now passed, the Ballances whereof are. 22

MINT ACCOUNTS.

BALLANCE for July carried to the next month Vizt. due from the Mint one hundred and forty Thousand six hundred and thirty six (140636) Madrass Rupees—seven hundred and sixty two thousand five hundred and Eighty nine Arcot Rupees five anaes (762589–5. –) and Eleven thousand three hundred and thirty three (11333) Madrass Pagodas—due to the Mint Thirteen Current Pagodas twenty six Fanams and seventy Cash (13–26–70). MINT.

Ballance for August carried to the next Month Vizt. due from the Mint Twelve thousand six hundred and thirty six (12636) Madrass Rupees—One Million two hundred and Eighty five thousand seven hundred and Eighty eight Arcot Rupees seven anes (1285,788–7) and two hundred and ninety seven (297) Madrass Pagodas—due to the Mint fifty two Current Pagodas three Fanams and sixty five Cash (52. 3. 65).

Ballance for September carried to the next Month Vizt. due from the Mint Twelve thousand six hundred and thirty (12636) Madrass Rupees—seven hundred and thirty thousand seven hundred, and seventy nine Arcot Rupees Seven Anaes (730779–7) and one hundred and fifty seven (157) Madrass Pagodas due to the Mint four Current Pagodas thirteen Fanams and twenty five Cash (4–13–25).

IMPORT WAREHOUSEKEEPER'S ACCOUNTS.

Ballance due from him for July carried to the next month Twenty four thousand three hundred and sixty Pagodas Twenty three Fanams and four Cash (24360–23–4). Import Warehouse.

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Ballance due from him for August carried to the next month Eleven thousand four hundred and forty Pags. thirty five Fanams and fifty one Cash (11440–35–51).

Ballance due from him for Septemr. carried to next Month Three thousand one hundred and forty one Pagodas two Fanams and forty one Cash (3142–2–41).

SEA CUSTOMERS ACCOUNTS.

Sea Customer.

Ballance due from him for July carried to the next Month nine thousand and forty two Pagodas one Fanam and seventy eight Cash (9042–1–78).

Ballance due from him for August carried to the next Month five thousand four hundred and fifty one Pagodas twenty two Fanams and twenty one Cash (5451–22–21).

Ballance due from him for September carried to next month Three thousand nine hundred and three Pagodas two Fanams and thirty seven cash (3903–2–37).

EXPORT WAREHOUSEKEEPER'S ACCOUNTS.

Export Warehousekr.

Ballance due from him for July and carried to next Month Four thousand one hundred and seventy Pagodas twenty two Fanams and fifty three Cash (4170–22–53).

Ballance due from him for August carried forward Five hundred and thirty seven Pagodas thirty two Fans. and fifty two Cash (537–32–52).

Ballance due from him for September carried forward Two thousand six hundred and forty one Pagodas seven Fans. and four Cash (2641–7–4).

STOREKEEPER'S ACCOUNTS.

Storekeeper.

Ballance due from him for July carried to the next month nine Thousand Three hundred and fifty six Pagodas twenty one Fanams and fifty five Cash (9356–21–55).

Ballance due from him for August carried to the next Month Three thousand and six Pagodas two Fanams and thirty five Cash (3006–2–35).

Ballance due from him for September carried to the next Month five thousand seven hundred and fifty five Pagodas four Fanams and sixty one Cash (5755–4–61).

LAND CUSTOMER'S ACCOUNTS.

Land Customer.

Ballance due from him for July carried to the next Month Three hundred and ninety six Pagodas Twenty three Fanams and sixty nine cash (396–23–69).

Ballance due from him for August carried to next month five hundred and twenty one Pagodas thirty three Fanams and fifty Cash (521–33–50).

Ballance due from him for September carried to next Month six hundred and ninety four Pagodas Twenty one Fanams and eighteen cash (694–21–18).

PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNTS.

Paymaster.

Ballance due to him for July carried to the next Month Three thousand five hundred and four Pagodas seven Fanams and sixty five Cash (3504–7–65).

Ballance due from him for August Eight Thousand nine hundred and Eighty three Pagodas five Fanams and nineteen Cash (8983–5–19).

Ballance due from him for September carried to the next Month Thirteen thousand three hundred and fifty three Pagodas Nine Fanams and fifty eight Cash (13353–9–58).

MILITARY PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNTS.

Military Paymaster.

Ballance due from him for August and carried to next Month Three thousand five hundred and seventy three Pagodas thirty five Fanams and nine Cash (3573–35–9).

Ballance due from him for September and carried to next Month Two thousand four hundred and twenty nine Pagodas twelve Fanams and Ten Cash (2429–12–10).

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MILITARY STOREKEEPER'S ACCOUNTS.

Military Storekeeper.

Ballance due from him for July and carried to the next month Thirty five Pagodas thirty three Fanams and sixty five Cash (35–33–65).

Ballance for August carried to next month due to him in Fanams at 36 Fifteen Pagodas thirty one Fanams and fifty Cash (15–31–50) and due to him in Gold Sixty (60) Pags.

Ballance due from him for September and carried to next Month one hundred and Eleven Pagodas thirty four Fanams and sixty five Cash (111–34–65).

Committee of Accts. report on the Acct. of the 3 Northern Settlements for June, July, Augt., Sepr. and orders thereon.

Another report from the Committee of Accounts dated this day relating to the accounts of Vizagapatam, Ingeram and Maddapollam for the Months of June July and August and September being read, the following orders are made thereon VIZT.

VIZAGAPATAM FACTORY.

Approved. 2

Approved. 3

Some irregularities being pointed out in these Paragraphs in the manner of bringing to account the receits and Issues of Rupees and the Committee of Accounts being of opinion that the Books ought to be new modelled. Agreed that it be referred to the Accomptant to Examine and report to the Board in what particular Instances the present method is irregular and how to rectify it. 4 5 6

On revisal of the Accounts abovementioned the Board find no Cause to be dissatisfied with the Expences. 7

INGERAM FACTORY.

Agreed that an Offer be made the Chiefs of the three Northen Settlements and the Warehousekeeper at St. David of contracting with them for Packing the Company's Bales and that they be directed to send up an Exact Account of the present charge of package wages to Packers &ca. included with their proposals for undertaking the Package at a fixed price ℔ Bale. 8

Agreed that the Resident at Ingeram be wrote to for an explanation of the charge of clothing three Europeans and one Topass. 9

The Board do not think there is any overcharge in the Batta to Messengers. 10

CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY.

Ordered that Heads be open'd on the Ingeram Books for the washing and Beating Godowns Horse Stables and Choultry built at Ingeram, and as Mr. Westcott has never applied for or had the permission of the Board for erecting these Buildings that he be required to assign his reason for his so doing and he be directed in future never to Erect any new Buildings without first obtaining leave from the Board. 11

Agreed that Mr. Westcott be required to explain whether his journey into the Country for which he has made a Charge in July was on the Company's Bussiness or his own. 12

Ordered that in all Charges of Buildings or Repairs the Quantity of Materials used and Number of Artificers employed be particularly express'd. 13

Ordered that whenever any Stores are charged as Issued the particular service they are intended for be expressed in the Account. 14

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MADAPOLLAM FACTORY.

15 The Board have no objection to the Batta charged for Peons to and from sundry Places.

16 Approved.

17 The Board have already approved of the Buildings mentioned in this Paragraph in their General Letter to Mr. John Andrews dated the 23d. November ORDERED that in future in all repairs or Buildings the Quantity of Materials used and Number of workmen employed be particularly expressed in the Account.

18 Upon inspecting the Books of the Northen Settlements for many years it is observed to have been ever the practice to write off as they now do the Batta of the Madrass Pagodas immediately on receipt of them. By this method they appear only to be current Pagodas and the Ordinary Cloths provided there appear to be purchased at about 36 Pagodas Corge and the other sortments in proportion when in reality the cost is so many Madrass Pagodas or about Current Pagodas 40 for the ordinary.

Ordered therefore in future that the Batta be no more wrote off, and that when an Advance is made to a Merchant of Madarss Pagodas one hundred he be Debted Current Pagodas one hundred and Ten so also that hereafter the cloths from the three Northern Settlements be Invoiced at the following Prices which upon an average of the three Numbers is about the amount of the Batta on the Madrass Pagodas.

LONG CLOTH FINE

No.	1	@ 76	Currt. Pags. ℔ Corge.
	2	73	do.
	3	70	do.

Do. MIDLING

No.	1	@ 58	do.
	2	55	do.
	3	52	do.

Do. ORDINARY

No.	1	@ 40	do.
	2	38	do.
	3	39	do.
O CHOP	1	38	do.
	2	37	do.
	3	35	do.
S CHOP	1	36	do.
	2	35	do.
SF	3	33	do.
⊞ZZ No.	1	52	do.

SALLAMPORE ORDINARY.

No.	1	@ 19	do.
	2	18	do.
O CHOP	3	16	do.
	1	18	do.
	2	16	do.
	3	15	do.

Letter from the Register of the Mayor's Court Dated the 18th. instant read as entered hereafter requesting an Advance of three hundred Pagodas to defray the Expences of that Corporation.

Agreed that the same be advanced accordingly.

Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Permaul Kellava Chitty pay in the following Rents Vizt.

Six hundred and sixty six Pagodas twenty four Fanams (666–24) in full for one Month's Rent of the Beetle and Tobacco Farm due the 1st. ultimo.

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Three hundred and thirty three Pagodas twelve Fanams (333–12) in full for one Month's Rent of the Arrack & Wine Licence due the 1st. ultimo. Arrack & Wine.

One hundred and sixty six Pagodas twenty four Fanams (166–24) in full for two Months Rent of the measuring Duty due the 1st. ultimo. Measuring Duty.

Vellapah Farmer of the Paddy Fields and Salt Pans pays in two hundred and fifty one Pagodas (251) for six months Rent of that Farm due the 12th. Instant. Paddy Fields and Salt Pans.

Agreed that Eight hundred and forty three (843) Madrass Pagodas be purchased to make up with what is now in the chest Five thousand Madrass Pagodas to be sent overland by Peons to Vizagapatam. 843 Mads. Pags. to be bought. 5,000 to be sent to Vizam.

Ordered that one year's Interest due the 20th. Ulto. to the Father Severini and Mrs. Madeiros on Thirty thousand (30000) Rupees deposited in the Company's Cash for the Female Orphans be paid them being Eighteen hundred (1800) Rupees. Interest on Orphan stock to be paid Father Severini.

Agreed that Ten thousand (10000) Pagodas be advanced to Gundaveddy Vencata Ramah & Nella Chitty on Account of the Investment. Advanced Gundaveddy Vencatta Ramah &c. Merchants 10000 Pags.

This being the day appointed by the Charter for the Mayor and Sheriff Annually elected to enter on their respective Offices and a message being now brought to the President that they are ready to take the Oaths, they are introduced together with the other members and Officers of the Mayor's Court and the Oaths of Allegiance and Office are first Administered by the President to George Mackay Esqr. who was chosen Mayor the 2d. Instant and then to Mr. James Bourchier who was elected at the same time Sheriff both for the year ensuing. Mayor & Sheriff for the year ensuing sworn.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The following are the remarks We have to offer to you on the Accounts of this Settlement for the Months of July August & September. 1

MILITARY STOREKEEPER'S ACCOUNTS.

Petty Stores when delivered to the Quartermasters are carried off to charges General when any of these Stores are carried out of the Garrison by particular Detachments, the Expedition is debited for them to Charges Merchandize whereas it should be to Charges General. Para. 2

POWDER HOUSE CHARGES.

Servants Wages and feeding the Oxen amount to Pagodas 202 ℔ Month and by the nearest computation there will be about 75 Candy of Powder made this year so that exclusive of the Ingredients for making the Powder &c. this will turn out Pags. 32–12 ℔ Candy which Circumstance We submit to your Honr. &c. consideration. 3

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4 Stores purchased for immediate service are carried off to charges Merchandize which greatly confuses that Head, we think it would be much clearer to open a Head of Stores purchased for immediate service as that of General Stores is already too large and complicate.

5 We must remark the feeding the Bullocks is to a high Amount.

6 We observe that the Military Storekeeper expresses what part of his Ballance is in Pagodas and what part in Fanams.

7 The purchase of Stores each Month is to a large amount under the Heads of Purchase of Stores and Charges Merchandize how reasonably the several Articles may be rated We cannot judge and refer it to the consideration of Your Hon^{r}. &c. We can only add that there does not appear to Us any thing in particular to point to you.

8 The Stores monthly issued Account Mahomed Ally Cawn are to a considerable Amount.

STOREKEEPER'S ACCOUNT.

9 Stores purchased for immediate service are carried off to Charges Merchandize in these Accounts in the same manner as in the Military Storekeeper's & should likewise be brought under the Head of Stores purchas'd for immediate Service.

10 There are large Quantities of Stores delivered to the Company's Vessels, the Masters of which deliver in no Accounts how they are expended.

11 The Stores purchased in July, under the Heads of Purchase of Stores & Charges Merchandize are very large, but the greatest part of it is by Order of the Committee for purchasing materials.

12 There are many Fanams rec^{d}. in Payments as well as disbursed in petty Articles in this Employ which are cast up at the rate of 36 to the Pagoda, We can not judge whether or no there is Batta gained by the Storekeeper on the whole but he assures Us that if any the difference must be triffling, and at the year's end will rather be in his prejudice.

PAYMASTER'S ACC^{TS}.

13 Tho' the amount of the Warehouse and Storeh^{o}. notes are but triffling yet we think it necessary to have the particulars inserted and the service they are intended for.

14 After what we have already Represented to your Hon^{r}. &c. in a former Report with regard to the Paymaster's Expences We have nothing further to remark concerning them but that they are to a very large Amount, the greatest part arises from variable and accidental charges, the necessities for which is impossible for us to be judges off We therefore take the liberty to refer both these and future Accounts of the Paymaster of this Presidency to the particular inspection of the Council Board.

15 As to the fixed charges, if you think proper to ascertain and communicate to us a state of them, we will report to you when we find any variation.

16 M^{r}. Smith having delivered to us a particular Account of his receipts & Issues of Cash the time as they were made either in Pagodas or fanams during the time he has been Paymaster, We observe that he has made no Gain by Batta since he has held the Employ.

CASH ACCOUNT.

We think it will be sufficient if the Issues of Rupees and Madrass Pagodas are made from the Treasury hence forward and brought to Account in those Books.

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The Ballance of Cash ult°. September is Pag^{s}. 9979–33–74 of which Pagodas 3284 are in Fanams valued at 36 to a Pagoda, We recommend that the Cash Account in future be kep'd in double setts of Columns, the inner sett shewing the real Number of Pagodas Fanams & Cash in the Chest, and the outward their Amount by valuation.

TREASURY ACCOUNTS.

We recommend that there be a Head of Batta on Arcot Rupees and another of Batta on Madrass Pagodas, and that all the Rupees and Madrass Pagodas rec^{d}. from the Mint be brought to Account under Rupees or Madrass Pagodas and the necessary musters of Gold & Silver afterwards carried off to the usual Head with the Batta upon them.

EXPORT & IMPORTWAREHOUSE ACC^{TS}.
ENGINEERS ACCOUNTS.
MILITARY PAYMASTER'S ACC^{TS}.
SEA & LAND CUSTOMER'S ACC^{TS}.
& MINT ACCOUNTS.

Having nothing particular to remark under these Accounts, We think they may be passed.

In order to put a final stop to all private Advantage being made by Batta on the Exchange of Fanams, We recommend that the Accounts Current of Cash of the several Employs not only of Fort S^{t}. George but of Fort S^{t}. David and DeveCotah, be directed to be kep'd with double setts of Columns the inner sett specified the real number of Pagodas Fanams & Cash issued and received, and the outward sett shewing the Amount of such Issues and receipts according to the usual Exchange in the Company's Books of 36 Fanams to the Pagoda.

The Paymaster's Customers & others who do not keep compleat Books, need only to use these double setts of Columns taking care by Advances from Consultation always to have Fanams in their Hands, but those Employs which keep their Accounts by Journal & Ledger must besides open a Head of Batta, & under it write off monthly the Loss & Gain that may arise by the Exchange of Fanams. 22

We are with respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most obed^{t}. Humble Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEX^{R}: WYNCH.
JOHN WALSH.
— — —
JA^{S}. BOURCHIER.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE
20TH. DECEMBER 1755.

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To the Hõnble George Pigot Esq^{r}.
President and Governour &c. Council
of Fort S^{t}. George.

Hõnble Sir & Sirs

Paragraph 1 Having examined the Accounts of the Northern Subordinates for the Months of June, July, August and September we shall now report to you our observations on them under their respective heads.

1st. Vizagapatam Factory.

2 The Cash and Paymasters are the only Acc^{ts}. transmitted from thence, we think that in future their Warehousekeeper, Storekeeper and Customer's Accounts or rather, their Journal Parcels should be sent us.

3 In the Paymaster's Account under charges Garrison we find several charges of Wages and Allowances to Artificers &c^{a}. which should be brought under the Head of Charges General.

4 The Books of this Factory We observe are kep'd in Star Pagodas but their Disbursements of Cash are all either in Madrass Pagodas or Arcot Rupees by the irregular exchange of which the real expences of the Settlement and cost of the Investment do not appear.

5 Arcot Rupees received from Madrass are brought into the Cash Account as Cash at 350 ℔ 100 Pag^{s}., and for Wares and Stores sold, at 315 ℔ 100 Pagodas.

These are Disbursed as follows.

To the Paymaster at 300 ℔ 100 Pag^{s}. by which the Charge of the Settlement is greatly over rated.

To the Merchants at 380 ℔ 100 Pagodas.

To the Ware and Storekeeper at 315 ℔ 100 Pagodas.

6 The Books of this Settlement appear to us so very irregular that they ought to be new Modelled.

7 We have nothing particular to remark on thier Expences as they appear to us on the whole to be moderate.

2^{d}. Ingeram Factory.

Goods for packing.

8 138 Pieces of Wax Cloth are expended in September we observe sometimes ¼ Pieces sometimes and sometimes ½ pieces of Long Cloth are charged as Pieces of Wax Cloth to obviate this and other irregularities in this Head of Goods for Packing we think it would be best if the Warehousekeeper at Fort S^{t}. David and the Chiefs of all the other Subordinates would contract for the Package at a stipulated Price as the Warehousekeeper of Fort S^{t}. George has done.

9 In August and September under Charges Garrison We observe a charge of Pag^{s}. 10. 12 Fanams for cloathing three Europeans and one Topass which appears an extraordinary Charge.

10 Batta to Messengers to and from sundry Places

Amounts in—

June to	Pag^{s}.	21	15 52
July		26	34 66
August		25	34 76
Sep^{r}.		26	22 52
		100	26 6

Your Honour &c^{a}. are the best judges how far this Charge may be necessary.

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CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY.

There appears a charge in June for Building Washing and Beating Godowns to the Amount of Pagodas 235–20–16 and in September for Building Horse stables and a Choultry Pag^{s}. 182–34–60 these Charges are not particularized nor should they be wrote off in this manner but kep'd on their Books under proper Heads. 11

In July there is a charge of Pag^{s}. for 24–31–49 for M^{r}. Westcotts going into the Country. 12

Under the Head of repairs there are several Articles that should appear under the Head of Charges General and the Account Repairs wants particularizing. 13

ISSUES OF STORES AND GOODS FOR PACKING.

Under this Head is charged in 14

June	3	7	55
July	2	15	58
August	7	15	40
September	10	7	26
	23	10	19

No explanation is given on what services these Stores are expended.

3^{d}. MADAPOLLAM FACTORY.

CHARGES GENERAL.

Batta to Peons to and from several Places amounts in— 15

June to ... ... Pag^{s}.	21	34	60
July	24	24	48
August	23	30	—
September	24	12	—
	94	29	28

It's impossible for us to judge how far this may be a necessary Expence.

CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY.

The Amount of this Head in June is increased by Medicines purchased in the year 1754 but omitted to be brought to Account before. 16

REPAIRS.

In June there is a charge for Building a Doctor's Apartment Pag^{s}. 40 the quantity of Materials used and the number of workmen employed are not expressed. In the Month of September we likewise find Pag^{s}. 700 charged for Building compleatly a House at Bandamalanka with no particulars but the description of the Form of the Building according to which we must say We do not think it high rated. 17

We have nothing farther to remark with regard to the Northern Accounts but that the Madrass Pagodas are always brought into Cash as Current Pagodas the Batta being wrote off immediately in their receipt. These Madrass Pagodas are advanced to the Merchants as Current by which their cloth appears cheaper by 10 ℔ Cent than it realy is which We find has been practised time out of Mind. 18

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FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.
20TH. DEC^{R}. 1755.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &c. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am directed by the Honble the Mayor's Court to draw upon your Honr. &c. for the sum of Three hundred Pagodas, to defray the necessary charges attending that Corporation.

I am with respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
Danl: Morse,
Regr.

Fort St. George
December the 18th. 1755.

23d. Sent by Tappies General Letter to John Smith Esqr. at DeveCotah dated this day.

— Received by Pattamar General Letter from Bengal dated 3d. Ultimo.

— Do. by do. do. from Vizagapatam dated 4th. Instant.

26 Recd. by Peons General Letter from Ingeram dated 8th. Instant.

27 Recd. by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated the 24th. Inst.

30 Sent by Peons Genl. Letter of this date to the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam with 5000 Madrass Pagodas for the Use of that Settlement.

At a Consultation

Present

George Pigot Esqr. Governour President.

Tuesday the 30th. Stringer Lawrence. Henry Powney.
Robert Orme. Alexander Wynch.

Mr. Perceval—*at Camp.*
Mr. Smith—*at DeveCotah.*
Mr. Bourchier—*absent with Leave.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 20th. read and signed.

Mr. Henry Powney reports that he had visited the Hospital and found no cause of Complaint.

General Letters From Bengall

General Letters read Vizt.

No. 156 From the President and Council at Fort William dated 3d. ultimo, acquainted us that they had received our letter of the 11th. Septr. ℔ Duke of Dorset and as they observe we shall have Bales sufficient to lade a whole Ship in Jañry they propose to send us up the EastCourt Capt. Arthur Evans with 300 Tons of Salt petre and her charter Party Redwood which Ship will leave that place about the 25th. Decemr. That the President & Council at Bombay having advised them that by the contracts made on that Coast for Pepper this season they shall be enabled to ease them of one ship, should there be more than sufficient to carry home the Bengal Investment, they have stationed the Duke

of Dorset Capt. Forrester for that Coast and intend sending on her 300 Tons of Salt petre agreable to an Indent recd. from Bombay, but as Pepper is a very light cargo they apprehend the Gentlemen at Tellicherry will be oblig'd to let full 200 Tons remain on board for Europe that the London and Anson are safely imported from the other side of India The former of which they are now loading for Europe & hope to dispatch her in the first week of Decemr. the latter they shall send to Fort Marlbrō for their surplus Pepper and shall take that opportunity to send the Rice & Gunnies we desired, that they shall lade on the London one hundred & eighty Tons Salt Petre & One hundred & Twenty Tons on the Anson and agreable to what they advised us in their Letter of the 10th. Jañry. they are about purchasing Eighty Chests of Patna Ophium on the Hoñble Company's Account for the West Coast. That the Denham not being yet arrived they are under some apprehensions that the Sloop we sent to the Negrais with Directions for the returning of that Ship to them, has miscarried, and are therefore preparing one of the Hoñble Company's Pilot Sloops to proceed thither with advises to Mr. Brookes of what we wrote them concerning the Denham & to desire that ship may be immediately return'd as her detention any longer will frustrate their Intention of sending home a ship early in Janry.

From Vizagapatam

No. 157 from Chas. Boddam Esqr. Chief &c. Council at Vizagapatam dated the 4th. Instant, acknowledging the Receipt of Our Letter of the 25th. October & the Treasure accompanying it ℔ Hartop Snow notwithstanding which supply they earnestly request a further one of Ten thousand Pagodas as soon as possible as with the assistance of that sum we may depend on having at least four hundred Bales by the End of Jañry. that their Novr. Cash Account will shew us the low state of their Cash there being scarcely sufficient for the ordinary charges of the Garrison for the Current Month. Enclosing their

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Monthly Papers—Cloth on hand LCO 357. 4. LCE 67. 1. Sal Or. 5. 16. Sal

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from Ingeram

No. 158 from Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram dated the 8th. Inst. serving only to enclose a Duplicate of his last with the monthly Papers for

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Novr. CLOTH on hand L C O 190. L C M 46. L C F 91. B E T of Several Sorts 6 Corge.

From Fort St. David

No. 159 from the Deputy Governour & Council at Fort St. David dated 24th. Inst. acknowledging the receipt of our Letter of the 13th. & two from the Secretary of the 15th. & 18th. each accompanying a supply of Ten thousand Pagodas and that they now transmitt us their Books ending ulto. April 1755.

Letter from the Committee for providing materials for the Fortifications read as entered hereafter with proposals from some of the Black Inhabitants for taking the Manufacture of Bricks into their hands by an exclusive contract for five years offering on that condition to supply the Company with seventy Lacks the year 1756 and Eighty Lacks ℔ ann̄ for the four next succeeding years.

Letter from the Committee for Conducting the Works with proposals for makg. Bricks.

Resolutions thereon.

The Board having well considered the abovementioned Letter and proposals are of opinion that they ought not to be accepted, for tho it does appear by the Statement that the Company will have an advantageous Contract upon a supposition that the Terms are fully complied with yet the Board think the following objections of sufficient Weight to determine them against it.

1st.

If it be possible for any of the Black Inhabitants to perform the above mentioned Contract without any kind of fraud oppression or Injustice to the Company the Inhabitants and Artificers, The Board see no reason why the Committee should not be able to furnish the Company with Bricks even on

better Terms as the Contractors cannot have any one Advantage which the Committee may not possess in a greater Degree by virtue of the authority they have or may be invested with by the Board and as the Contractors must propose to themselves some profit that gain may be saved to the Company. If therefore the Committee should not be able to supply the Company with Bricks on terms at least as Advantageous as those proposed it seems evident that the proposers could not, without some kind of Deceit either in respect to the goodness of the Bricks or by oppressing the Inhabitants and Artificers.

2d. In order that the Contractors may be enabled to supply the Company with the Quantities of Bricks and at the Prices mentioned in the above scheme it is there proposed that the Inhabitants should be obliged to pay a much larger price than the Company. It is true this is no innovation the same thing was allowed to be practiced by the Paymasters when they supplied the Company with Bricks, and it was that and only that Advantage with the exclusive priviledge of making Bricks which enabled them to furnish the Company at the rates they did, but—

3dly. As our Honble Masters consider such an exclusive priviledge as a monopoly and in the strangest manner enjoin us to prevent all Monopolies of Materials and to encourage the making of Bricks by as many persons as possible (their own servants excepted) this alone would be a sufficient reason for rejecting the proposals but they also very particularly direct that the Bricks for the use of the Inhabitants shall be sold at such reasonable Rates as may not encourage the contractors to make bad Bricks with a view of making a Profit by such as shall be returned by which profit alone (as has already been observed) the Paymasters formerly & the Committee since, have been enabled to supply the Company on the terms they have and 'tis from that alone the present proposers can hope for any advantage. But the Board having no choice left them in this respect, it only remains that they pursue as nearly as possible the very strict Orders abovementioned and to that end it is

Parā 67 of Genl. Letter dated 19th. Novr. 1754.

Ibid Parā 66 & 67

Ibid parā 69.

Put advertisements that Board will at any time receive proposals.

Ordered that Advertisements be kep'd constantly affix'd at the Sea Gate and other Publick places that the Board will receive proposals at any time and from any Persons who may be inclined to supply the Company with materials of a kind agreable to the tenour of the 66 & 67 Paragraphs of the Commands of the 19th. Novr. 1754 and untill some means be found, or proposal made (without a Monopoly) more advantageous to the Company than the present method.

The Committee to continue to make Bricks.

Agreed that the Committee for providing materials continue to make Bricks for the Company's Account in the most advantageous manner possible without Oppressing or distressing the Inhabitants.

Acct. Sale of Broad Cloth.

The Import Warehousekeeper lays before the Board an Account sale of 28 Bales of Broad Cloth sold the 23d. Decemr. last.

Representation & New Plan for regulating the Boats.

The President acquaints the Board that the great cause of complaint in regard to the Boats and distress the Company's shipping as well as private Traders are often put to by the bad management of them had induced him to think of some remedy and that finding the Boats in general extreemly out of repair he had directed the Company's Carpenter to refit them instead of making an Advance as has been usual to the Head Boat men for that purpose who generally squander away the greatest part leaving the Boats but barely fit for service some of these Boats are the property of the Head Boatmen and the rest belong to other private persons and altho' the President has always had the distribution of them for the service of the shipping in the Road yet it has never been practicable to restrain the managers by any Rules, persuations or Threats for as the usual hire has been six Fans. for every Trip to and from a vessell in the Road whether far or near those which venture nearest the shoar are always first served to the prejudice of those which are obliged to lye further out, so that large ships frequently meet with very prejudicial delays and detention to

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the great hurt of the Trade of the Settlement. Out of these six Fanams ℔ Trip the Owners allow the Boatmen Three fanams of which two only are paid them at the time and one reserved by the Head Men under pretence of laying in provision for the Boatmen in the Monsoon when they are unemployed, the other three Fanams are the gain of the owners, To remedy these inconveniencies the President proposes to the Board an entire new plan, to wit, that the Boats be valued and purchased on the Company's Account and the value of those which belong to the Head Boatmen be wrote to the Credit of their Account in part of what they owe the Company and that the rest be paid for. That six Fanams a Trip be paid as usual out of which the Cooley Boatmen be allowed four Fanams as an Encouragement to exert themselves and that the remaining two Fanams reserved for the Company that the Head Boatmen be taken into the Company's Service and allowed three Pagodas a month each and the Captain of each Boat one Pagoda ℔ month to defray which Charges as well as those of repairing the Boats it is judged the reserved two Fan^{s}. ℔ Trip will more than suffice. The Board being of opinion the foregoing scheme will be greatly for the Company's Advantage as well as the Settlement in general if it could be carried into execution the President undertakes to use his Endeavours to accomplish it tho' it is feared many difficulties will arise from the Opposition of the Head Boatmen whose Interest will be affected by it and who will therefore not fail to use their Influence (which is great) with the Cooley Boatmen.

Witnesses to be produc'd at the Qr. Sessions to be allowed Batta.

Several witnesses having been sent for from Fort S^{t}. David and other places to give Evidence against persons now under confinement and to be tryed at the next Quarter Session for Murders & Theft.

Agreed that they be allowed Batta for their subsistance and that the Paymaster pay the same.

300 Pags. to be advanced the powder maker.

The Storekeeper acquaints the Board that John De Roos the Powder maker desires an advance of Three hundred Pagodas on his proposals read in Consultation the 2^{d}. Instant.

Agreed that the Storekeeper advance the same.

Certificate from the Accompt. Genl.

Certificate from the Accomptant General Dated this day that the Register of the Mayor's Court is to pay in Four thousand four hundred and ninety six Arcot Rupees Eight anaes (4496 : 8 : —) on account of the Estate of Cap^{t}. Stephen Holloway Bunyan deceas'd.

Ordered that the said sum be received into the Treasury and a receit is now sign'd for the same.

Money pd. in by the Impt. Wareho. keeper.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in Ten thousand nine hundred and ninety seven (10997) Pagodas on his running Account.

Sea Customer.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in six thousand nine hundred (6900) Pag^{s}. on his running Account.

Storekeepe

Alexander Wynch Storekeeper pays in one thousand nine hundred and seventy one Pagodas and seventy four Cash (1971. —. 74) for last month's Ballance of that Account.

Land Customer

Henry Pownev for William Perceval Land Customer pays in Three hundred and Ten pagodas Eleven Fanams and two Cash (310–11–2) for last Months Ballance of that Account.

Rent of Old Garden.

Moodie Farmer of the Company's Old Garden pays in ninety eight (98) Pagodas in full for six Months Rent of that Farm due the 12th. Instant when the Cowle expired.

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Sundrys by the Secretary

The Secretary pays in the following sums rece'd by him vizt.

Thirty Pagodas (30) recd. as a fine from Messrs. Edmund Maskelyne and Charles Turner for a Lease of a piece of Ground near Viparee and

Thirty nine Pagodas five Fanams (39–5) received from Ensign David Blake on account of Mr. George Higginson pursuant to the Company's Orders 23d. Janry. 1754 para. 94 being the amount of £ Sterling 15 Exchange at seven shillings & Eight pence ℔ Pagoda.

Advances to Paymaster

Agreed that the following Advances be made out of Cash Vizt.

To the Paymaster Five thousand (5000) Pagodas for the Disbursements in that Employ.

Military Paymasr.

To the Military Paymaster seven thousand (7000) Pagodas to pay the Military &c. next Month.

Military Storekr.

To the Military Storekeeper nine hundred (900) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ.

Gold Mohurs to be sold.

There being in the Cash Chest 39 Gold Mohurs the remains of a parcell brought from Fort St. David as appears by the Cash Accts. the 3d. August 1752 where they were charged at their original Cost with charges of coinage amounting to Pags. 3–32–50 ea. which rate they have ever since been brought forward in the Cash Account as Currency altho' they are at this time of a less value and as it is probable they may never be wanted.

Ordered that they be sold and the difference wrote off to Profit & Loss.

Interest to be paid Mrs. Madeiros.

A years Interest being due the 3d. Inst. to Mrs. Antonia De Madeiros on the Boards Bond for Pags. 20000 received of her into the Honble Company's Cash at 8 ℔ Cent, being sixteen hundred (1600) Pagodas.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR: WYNCH.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Some Black Inhabitants having given in the accompanying proposals for taking into their Hands the manufacture of Bricks of this Settlement by contract, and it Appearing to us Advantageous to the Company We presume to lay it before you for your Approbation.

Here annexed is An Abstract of what Bricks the Company and Inhabitants have been supplied by the Paymaster and are supplied at present by the Committee for a Pagoda, and what the Contractors offer them at, by which the Advantages of this Contract evidently appear, for notwithstanding the Inhabitants are to be supplied only with 750 Eleven Inch Wall Bricks for a Pagoda, the Cube of those large Bricks is above 20 standard & size Bricks more than they have had from the Paymaster or Committee, and above 137 undersiz'd Bricks more than they were formerly supplied for the same Money.

The high Price of all Paving Bricks is hereby reduced (for the most part) to above a Quarter of what they were sold for to the Company, the well and Tarrass Bricks of above one half and the Eighty Lacks of Wall Bricks (which is the principal Article) are offered at 100 Pagodas ℔ Lack, whilst what has been made already stand to the Committee in 108 Pags. a Lack, the Cube of which 80

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Lacks of Bricks the Board will be pleased to observe is equal to 119 Lacks of standard or to 153 Lacks of undersized Bricks, and is within five Lacks of standard Bricks, as much as have been received these four years past from the Brick Kilns.

We beg leave to observe that if the Contractors have not an exclusive Priviledge for this manufacture, they will not be able to fullfill their Contract, as they will have at least annually 25 Lacks of turned out Bricks which must be disposed of to the Inhabitants and is rather more than can be employed annually in the Settlement whilst the Company's Works are carried on.

All which We submit to your consideration and are with respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient and most humble servts.

HENRY POWNEY.
J: BROHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE.
THE 29TH. DECEMBER 1755.

PRICE OF BRICKS.

	Pay Master and Committee sold.		Proposed by the Contractors.	
	Company ℔ Pagoda.	Inhabitants ℔ Pagoda.	Company ℔ Pagoda.	Inhabitants ℔ Pagoda.
Wall Bricks under size supplied by the Pay—				
Mastr. 71 INS. Cube	1,500	1,300	—	—
Wall Bricks of standard size measuring 9 1/8 do.	1,500	1,100	—	—
Wall Bricks of 11 Ins. long 5 1/2 broad & 2 1/4 thick.	900	—	1,000	750
Tarrass Bricks	2,200	2,200	3,333 1/3	2,200
Well Bricks for Wells of. 4 feet / 6 feet	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,000
Well Bricks for Wells of. 8 feet / 10 feet	300	800		
Square Bricks. 12 Inches	50	50	250	150
Square Bricks. 10 Inches	72	72	220	200
Square Bricks. 8 Inches	100	100	450	300
Square Bricks. 6 Inches	620	520	900	600
Pillar Bricks. 15 Inches	200	200	250	200
Pillar Bricks. 18 Inches	150	150		

We the undermentioned Persons Pitty Venckatachellum Nauyatittah Pillah, and Vellah Pillah Have by these presents agreed with the Committee for carrying on the Honble Company's Works of this Settlement to supply them with Bricks of all sorts for five years from the Date hereof on the terms and conditions herein after mentioned.

That we the said Contractors oblige ourselves to furnish the Honble Company seventy Lacks of Wall Bricks sound and well Burnt the ensuing year one thousand seven hundred and fifty six and Eighty Lacks of the said Bricks annually for four years after, and that the said Bricks shall measure when burnt Eleven Inches long Five and an half Inches broad and two and a Quarter Inches thick at one hundred Pagodas a Lack or One hundred thousand.

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That we the said Contractors will furnish the Bricks out of the common dimensions at the following Rates Paving Bricks of twelve Inches square and two and a Quarter Inches thick at four hundred Pagodas ℔ Lack.

Paving Bricks of Ten Inches square and two and a Quarter Inches thick at Three hundred and twelve Pagodas and Eighteen Fanams ℔ Lack.

Paving Bricks of Eight Inches square, and two Inches thick at two hundred and Twenty two Pagodas and eight Fanams ℔ Lack.

Paving Bricks six Inches square, and two Inches thick at two hundred and Twenty two Pagodas and eight Fanams ℔ Lack.

Well Bricks of nine Inches Long, two and a Quarter Inches thick and four and an half Inches broad at the broadest End and diminished at the smallest end according to the diameter of the Well they are made for at Pagodas sixty six, and Twenty four Fanams ℔ Lack.

Tarrass Bricks of six Inches Long and three and an half Inches Broad and one and a Quarter Inch thick at Thirty Pagodas ℔ Lack.

Pillar Bricks of all sorts one with another at four hundred Pagodas ℔ Lack.

That we the said Contractors are to have the sole Priviledge of supplying the Inhabitants with Bricks, and none to be made, burnt or brought in by any other Person within the Company's Bounds.

That we the said Contractors are to be Advanced Pagodas Twelve hundred for the first Month by the Committee as the cost of Twelve Lacks of Wall Bricks and six hundred Pagodas monthly afterwards, and if the monthly supplies of Bricks exceed that sum, the Ballance due shall be paid to the Contractors with the Advance for the ensuing month.

That we the said Contractors shall have liberty to sell the turned out Bricks to the Inhabitants by obtaining an Order for so doing from one of the Committee as soon as sorted.

That the Committee shall have the Liberty to inspect the Brick Kilns as often as they shall think proper.

That the Stocks of Bricks &c. now remaining at the Kilns be given to us the Contractors at Prime Cost.

That in case of any heavy rains should impede or retard the progress of the Manufacture of Bricks or that any Losses should be sustained and thereby we the Contractors Incapacitated from fullfilling Our Contract upon our representations to the Committee and due proof thereof, they (with the Governour and Council's Approbation) will render void the penalty incurred on condition that what Bricks We the Contractors may be deficient of in our supplies annually, shall be made good by us the year following but if the supplies exceed the Quantity of Bricks hereby stipulated in Our Contract within the year then the overplus so delivered will be accounted for in the supplies of the ensuing year.

That We the said Contractors are to have Ten Peons of the Companys to procure them Firewood, Artificers, and Cooleys and no People Employed on that service shall be pressed for any of the Company's works or any other service on any account Whatsoever.

That to enable us the Contractors to furnish the Bricks at the rate stipulated in the foregoing Articles we shall not be obliged to supply the Gentlemen and all other Inhabitants but at the Prices undermentioned Viz^{t}.

Wall Bricks of the Company's Dimensions @ 1 Pagoda for 750.
Paving Bricks of Twelve Inches square @ 1 d^{o}. —— 150.
Paving Bricks of Ten Inches square @ 1 d^{o}. —— 200.
Paving Bricks of Eight Inches square @ 1 d^{o}. —— 300.
Paving Bricks of six Inches square @ 1 d^{o}. for 600.
Well Bricks @ 1 d^{o}. for 1000.
Tarrass Bricks @ 1 d^{o}. for 2200.
Pillar Bricks of all sorts @ 1 d^{o}. for 200.

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That the Company shall supply Us the Contractors with moulds for the different sorts of Bricks beforementioned.

That all the Firewood brought by us the said Contractors both by Sea and Land for the Use of the Brick Kilns shall be exempted Custom and Duties as well in Madrass as in the Poonamally Country and as there is the Nabob's Cowle for freeing Custom upon Firewood brought for the use of the said Kilns, the President & Council shall protect Us the Contractors and procure us the said Privilege confirmed from the Government of the Country In case they Demand Juncans or Dutys upon the Firewood hereafter.

That for the due execution of the Promises We Pitty Venkatachilum Naaytittah Pillah and Vellah Pillah the Contractors do bind ourselves annually to the Honble Company in the Penal sum of Five hundred Pagodas and further give Paupah Braminy as security for the performance of this agreement. IN WITNESS whereof we have severally set our hands and seals at FORT S^{T} : GEORGE the 30th. Day of December in the year one thousand seven hundred and Fifty five.

ACCOUNT SALE of the Honble Company's Broad Cloth &c^{a}. by Publick Outery on the usual Terms Viz^{t}.

The time of Sale.	Quality of the Goods.	Lot or Quantity.	Invoice Price.	Price put up at.	Price sold at.	Amount of each Lot.	To whom sold.
23d. Decem^{r}, 1755.	Ordinary Blue ..	5 Bales.	Pag^{s}. 411.25.70	Pag^{s} 474		Pag^{s}. 475	Bussovapah Chitty.
	D^{o}. d^{o}. ..	4 d^{o}.	D^{o}. 329.13.40	379		382	Ditto.
	D^{o}. Emerald Green.	4 d^{o}.	D^{o}. 324.31.40	374		389	Arnagady Chitty.
	D^{o}. Yellow ..	3 d^{o}.	D^{o}. 234.22.40	270		320	Singanah.
	D^{o}. d^{o}. ..	2 d^{o}.	D^{o}. 156.15.—	180		212	Ditto.
	Scarlet Fine ..	4 d^{o}.	D^{o}. 431.31.40	479		525	Bussovapah Chitty.
	Yellow superfine ..	1 d^{o}.	D^{o}. 149. 9.—	172		173	Sashiah.
	Purple	1 d^{o}.	D^{o}. 101. — —	117		118	Bussavapah Chitty.
	Perpetuanoes ordinary.	4 d^{o}.	D^{o}. 371.31.40	428		430	Ditto.
		28 Bales.			Pag^{s}.	3,024	

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
23^{D}. DECEMBER 1755.

℔ HENRY POWNEY,
Imp^{t}. Wareh^{o}.keeper.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1755* ——

LIST OF THE HONBLE COMPANY'S REVENUES AT FORT ST: GEORGE.

	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
POONOMALEE Country and Jaguier. The Farm let to Noombore Vencata Subiah for one year commencing 1st. July 1755 ending 30th. June 1756 at two half yearly Payments	52400	—	—
ST. THOME. The Farm let to Meeza Mahomet Causum for one year commencing 1st. July 1755 ending 30th. June 1756 at two half yearly Payments	3150	—	—
EGMORE &c Villages. The Farm let to Linga Chitty for one year commencing 1st. Sepr. 1755 Ending 31st. August 1756 at one annual Payment	1250	—	—
THE COMPANY'S OLD GARDEN. The Farm let to Moodoo for one year commencing 12th. December 1754 ending 11th. Decemr. 1755 at two half yearly Payments	240	—	—
PEREMBORE &c Villages. The Farm let to Rausum Vencatchilum Paupa Braminy for one year commencing 1st. Sepr. 1755 ending 31st. August 1756 at one annual Payment ...	1206	—	—
TRIVITORE &ca. Villages. The Farm let to Linga Chitty for one year commencing 1st. Sepr. 1755 at one annual Payment ...	1300	—	—
PADDY FIELDS AND SALT PANS. The farm let to Pombavay Vellapah for one year commencing 12th. Decr. 1754 Ending 11th. Decr. 1755 at two equal half yearly Payments	715	—	—
BEETLE AND TOBACCO FARM. The Farm let to Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Permall Kellava Chitty for five years commencing 1st. March 1752 ending 1st. March 1757 at 12 monthly Payments	8000	—	—
ARRACK AND WINE LICENCE. The Farm let to Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Permall Kellava Chitty for five years commencing 1st. March 1757 at 12 Monthly Payments ...	4000	—	—
WEIGHING AND MEASURING DUTY. The Farm let to Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Permall Kellava Chitty for five years commencing 1st. March 1752 ending 1st. March 1757 at six equal Payments	1000	—	—
TOWN BROKERAGE. The Farm let to Pitloor Vencata Kistnah & Permall Kellava Chitty for five years commencing 1st. March 1752 ending 1st. March 1757 at two half yearly Payments	700	—	—
RUBY BROKERAGE. The Farm let to Linga Chitty for one year commencing 1st. July 1755 ending 30th. June 1756 at four Quarterly Payments	305	—	—
BANKSALL DUTIES. The Farm let to Mootiah for five years commencing 1st. June 1752 ending 1st. June 1757 at two half yearly Payments	400	—	—

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1755* ——

VARIABLE REVENUES.

	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
MINT CUSTOMS from 1st. May Mss. 1754 to ultº. Dec. 1755. 2003.	258	14	—			
SEA CUSTOMS dº. dº.	35087	21	50			
LAND CUSTOMS dº. dº.	7026	2	4			
QUIT RENT the amount of the Assessment to be collected ending the 31st. August 1754.	1595	24	—			
				43967	25	5[4]
PAGODAS ...				118633	25	5[4]

The Following Countries morgag'd (*sic*) by the Nabob Mahomed Ally Cawn to the Company towards the discharge of his Debt are let as under Vizt.

CHINGALAPUT.

This Country is let to Oppajee Nayenar for two years commencing the 1st. August 1754 and ending 31st. July 1756 at the Rent of 22000 Pags. for the first year & 32500 Pags. for the second year payable at half yearly Payments ... ... 32500 — —

COVELONG.

This country is let to Pushponatha Nayenar for one year commencing 1st. Augst. 1755 ending 31st. July 1756 payable at half yearly Payments ... 8000 — —

MANNAMANGALUM.

This country is let to Rayal Pundat for one year commencing 1st. August 1755 endg. 31st. July 1756 payable at two half yearly Payments ... 14000 — —

SEVEN MAGANS of the Tripossore country.

This District is let to Rayal Pundat for one year commencing 1st. August 1755 endg. 31st. July 1756 payable at two half yearly Payments ... 20000 — —

PAGODAS ... 74500 — —

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FORT ST: GEORGE
31ST. DECEM. 1755.

List of the Honble Company's Servants on the Coast of Choromandell Anno 1755.

Persons Names.	Time of Arrival.	Commencement of Rank.	Station at Arrival.	Salary at Arrival. £.	Present Station.	Present Establishment.	Present Employment.	Salary.	Gratuity.	Age.
George Pigot Esqr.	26th July 1737.		Writer.	5	Governour.	Ft. St. George.	President of the Council, Cash Keeper & Mint Master.	200	100	36
Richard Starke ..	29 Sepr. 1735.		do. Entd.	5	2d. of Council.	Ft. St. David.	Deputy Governour ..	100		34
Charles Boddam.	13 March 1737.		Writer.	5	3 do.	Vizagapatam.	Chief	40		38
Henry Powney ..	7 August 1736.		do.	5	4 do.	Ft. St. George.	Import Wareho.keeper & Sea Customer.	40		38
Robert Orme ..	12 Sepr. 1754.		7th. of Council.	40	5 do.	do.	Export Wareho.keeper Accomptant & Commissary to keep the Nabob's Account	40		29
Foss Westcott ..	7 Febry 1740/1.		Writer entd.	5	6 do.	Ingeram ..	Resident	40		33
Alexander Wynch.	15 August 1740.		do. do.	5	7 do.	Fort St. George.	Storekeeper ..	40		34
William Perceval.	18 Janry 1745/6.		Factor do.	15	8 do.	do.	Land Customer ..	40		50
John Smith ..	15 Augst. 1740.		Writer.	5	9 do.	do.	Paymaster & Military Paymaster.	40		31
Charles Bourchier.	30 Decr. 1741.		do.	5	10 do.	do.	Military Storkr. Rental Genl. & Scavenger permitted to proceed to Bombay to settle his Affairs.	40		27
Edward Croke ..	18 Janry 1708.		do.	5	Senr. Merchant.	Ft. St. David ..	——	—	200	63
Dawsonne Drake.	18 July 1742.	18th. July 1742.	do.	5	do.	Ft. St. George.	Upper Searcher of the Sea Gate.	40		31
John Walsh ..	20 June 1743.	20 June 1743.	do.	5	do.	do.	Under Searcher of the Sea Gate.	40		29
John Andrews ..	do.		do. entd.	5	do.	Madapollam ..	Resident	40		41
Hugh Norris ..	1 Decemr. 1744.	1 Decr. 1744.	do.	5	Junr. Merchant.	Ft. St. David ..	Export Wareho.keeper Accomptant & Paymaster.	40		27

LIST HONBLE OF THE COMPANY'S SERVANTS ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDELL ANNO 1755—*cont.*

Persons names.	Time of Arrival.	Commencement of Rank.	Station at Arrival.	Salary at Arrival. £	Present Station.	Present Establishment.	Present Employement.	Salary.	Gratuity.	Age.
Henry Vansittart.	5 Novr. 1746.	8 Octr. 1746.	Writer ..	5	Junr. Merchant.	Ft. St. George.	Secretary to the Secret Committee & Translator.	30	30	23
Richard Fairfield.	8 Octr. 1746.		do.	5	do.	Ft. St. David ..	Storekeeper Military Storekeeper and Secretary.	30	—	25
Samuel Ardley ..	28 April 1749	28 April 1749	Factor	15	do.	Ft. S . George.	Under the Land Customer & Register of the Choultry.	30		29
Robert Sloper ..	8 Sepr. 1749	8 Sepr. 1749	do. entd.	15	do.	Ft. St. David.	Sea and Land Customer of Cuddalore.	30		52
Edward Edwards.	do.		do.	15	do.	Ft. St. George.	Assay Master ..	30	80	30
Charles Turner ..	14 Feby. 1747	8 Octr. 1746	Writer	5	do.	Ft. St. David..	Sea and Land Customer of Tevenepatam & Military Paymaster.	30		23
Charles Hopkns.	1 Janry. 1750	1 Janr. 1750	Factor entd.	15	d'.	DeveCotah ..	Chief	30		49
Josias Du Pré. ..	10 June 1752	10 June 1752	do.	15	Factor	Ft. St. George.	Secretary Sollicitor & Clerk of the Peace.	15	145	34
John Browning ..	17 do. ,,		do.	15	do.	do.	Register of the Sea Gate.	15		44
James Alexander.	8 July ,,		do.	15	do.	do.	Sub Accompt. & Book keeper of Deposits from the Mayor's Court.	15	120	25
John Smith ..	10 August ,,		do.	15	do.	do.	Under Paymaster ..	15		46
John Lewen Smith.	10 do. ,,		do.	15	do.	Vizagapatam	2d. of Council ..	15		29
Andrew Newton.	17 June ,,		do.	15	do.	Ft. St. David	at present at the Court of Tanjore.	15		27
Charles Saunders.	8 July ,,		do.	15	do.	do.	Steward	15		30
Daniel Morse	28 do. ,,		do.	15	do.	Ft. St. George	Register of the Mayor's Court.	15	20	21

List of the Honble Company's Servants of the Coast of Choromandell Anno 1755—*cont.*

Persons names.	Time of arrival.	Commencement of Rank.	Station at arrival.	Salary at arrival.	Present station.	Present Establishment.	Present Employment.	Salary.	Gratuity.	Age.
Thomas Heath ..	8 June 1748	8 June 1748	Writer	15	Factor	Vizagapatam.	..	15		27
John Call ..	..	1 Jany. 1751	d°.	5	Writer	Ft. St. David.	Under the Engineer—Gratuity 30 Pago. ℔ mo.	5	144	—
Charles Simpson.	27 May 1751		d°.	5	d°.	Ft. S. George	Under the Accomptant.	5		22
George Stratton.	17 June 1751		d°.	5	d°.	d°.	Under the Secretary & Clerk of the Court of Requests.	5		21
Phil. Fransc. Greenslate.	27 May „	27 May 1751	d°.	5	d°.	F. St. David ..	Under the Scavinger..	5		20
George Dawson.	7 July „			5	d°.	Vizagapatam ..	Under the Paymaster there.	5		22
Marmaduke Best	d°. „		d°.	5	Writer	Vizagapatam	3d. of Couneil ..	5		23
Mathew Clarke..	d°. „		d°.	5	d°.	Ft. S. George	Under the Secretary..	5		20
James Bourchier.	12 June „		d°.	5	d°.	d°.	Under the Impt. Wareh°. keeper and Clerk to the Committee of Treasury and Accounts.	5		23
Henry Brooke ..	9 Augt. „	12 June 1751	d°.	5	d°.	Negrais	Chief	5		27
John Carey ..	d°. „		d°.	5	d°.	Ft. St. David	Under the Accomptant.	5		22
John Callaud ..	7 July „		d°.	5	d°.	Ingeram	Assistant	5		20
Thomas Maunsell.	9 August „		d°.	5	d°.	Ft. St. David	Commissary at Camp.	5		21
Richd. Brickenden.	12 June 1752		d°.	5	d°.	DeveCottah	Assistant	5		22
John Whitehill.	3 August „		d°.	5	d°.	Negrais	Assistant	5		20
Claud Russell ..	17 June „	12 June 1752	d°.	5	d°.	Ft. St. George	Sub Secretary and Accompt. General of the Mayor's Court.	5	20	22
George Dolben ..	12 d°. „		d°.	5	d°.	Madepollam	Assistant	5		22
John Perceval ..	3 August „		d°.	5	d°.	DeveCottah	Lieutenant	5		20
Thomas Rumbold.	12 June „		d°.	6	d°.	at Camp	d°. and Quarter Master.	5		20
George Pyne ..	24 July 1753	11 May 1753	d°.	5	d°.	F. St. George	under the Secretary ..	5		23
Charles Smith ..	11 July „		d°.	5	d°.	d°.	d°. permitted to proceed to China for the recovery of his health.	5		20

List of the Honble Company's Servants on the Coast of Choromandell Anno 1755—*cont.*

Persons names.	Time of arrival.	Commencement of Rank.	Station at arrival.	Salary at arrival.	Present station.	Present Establishment.	Present Employment.	Salary	Gratuity.	Age.
Alexr. Dalrymple.	11 May 1753	11 May 1753	Writer	5	dº.	Writer	Under the Assay Master.	5		18
John Davidson ..	9 June „		dº.	5	dº.	dº.	Under the Secretary to the Secret Committee.	5		21
Samuel Johnson.	8 dº. 1754		dº.	5	dº.	dº.	dº. dº. ..	5		18
James Mackarmick.	17 August „		dº.	5	dº.	dº.	Under the Accomptant.	5		30
James Broadbent.	13 June. „	8 June 1754.	Writer	5	Writer	Ft. St. David.	Under the Secretary.			22
William Aldersey.	8 dº. „		dº.	5	dº.	Ft. St. George	Under the Secretary to the Secret Committee.	5		20
Robert Dowsett ..	7 July „		dº.	5	dº.	Ft. St. David	Under the Export Wareh°. keeper.	5		18
John Palmer ..	9 June 1755	dº.	Entd.	5	dº.	Ft. St. George	Under the Secretary.	5		26
Thomas Kelsall ..	dº. „		dº.	5	dº.	dº.	dº.	5		19
Charles Floyer ..	dº. „		dº.	5	dº.	dº.	Under the Secretary to the Secret Committee.	5		18
William Barker ..	dº. „	9th June 1755	dº.	5	dº.	dº.	Under the Secretary.	5		17
Edward Raddon ..	dº. „		dº.	5	dº.	Ft. St. David	....			
Richd. Cooke ..	dº. „		dº.	5	dº.	dº.	....			
John Maxwell Stone.	dº. „		dº.	5	dº.	F . S . George	Under the Storekeeper.	5		21
Archdale Palmer.	dº. „		dº.	5	dº.	dº.	Under the Export Wareh°. keeper.	5		22
Abraham Browne.	dº. „		dº.	5	dº.	dº.	dº.	5		20
John Douglas ..	10 August. „		dº.	5	dº.	dº.	Under the Secretary to the Secret Committee.	5		18

The Reverend .. .. Mr. Samuel Stavely .. .. } Chaplains
Mr. Robt. Palk .. .. }
Mr. Andrew Munro .. .. } Surgeons
Mr. Robert Turºng .. .. }

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Fort Sᵀ : George. 31ˢᵀ. December 1755.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER, 1755* ——

List of Inhabitants Fort S^{t}. George not in the Honourable Company's Service Anno 1755.

Men.	Time of arrival.	Ships they come out on.	Whether with or without the Company's Licence.
Nicholas Morse ..	29th July 1753 ..	Elizabeth ..	Free merchant
George Mackay ..	August 1738 ..	Duke of Cumberland.	d°.
Solomon Solomons ..	29th July 1739 ..	Grantham ..	d°.
Solomon Franco ..	30th Sepr. 1743 Bombay..	Princess of Wales.	d°.
Ephraim Isaac ..	11 Decem$_{r}$. 1745 ..	Kent ..	d°.
Samuel Moses ..	26 Sepr. 1746 Bengal ..	Marlbrô ..	d°.
[Joseph] Moses ..	1 July 1055 ..	Eastcourt ..	d°.
[Norton] Nicholls ..	8 Sep^{r}. 1749 ..	Severn ..	d°.
[David] Lopez Fernandes. [Samuel] De Castro ..	4 July 1749 ..	Brittannia ..	d°.
[William] Roberts ..	6 July 1750 S^{t}. David.	Lynn ..	d°.
Andrew Ross ..	16 June 1752 ..	Colchester ..	d°.
Francis Muriel ..	24 July 1753 ..	Falmouth ..	d°.
[Francis] Barnawell ..	17 August 1754 ..	Norfolk ..	d°.
William Belsches ..	d°. 1750 ..	London ..	d°.
[John] Worthington Turner.	7 July 1754 ..	York ..	d°.
[Peter] Mariettee ..	d°. ..	d°. ..	d°.
[Edward] Burman ..	14 d°. 1736 ..	Grantham ..	with the Company's Licence.
[Peter] Downes ..	5 October 1750 Bengal ..	Benjamin ..	d°.
[Peter] Eckman ..	August 1706 ..	Phoenix ..	In the Military Service.
[John De] Morga ..	11 July 1710 ..	Bowery ..	d°.
[Thomas] Savage ..	24 Sep . 1740 ..	Durrington ..	without the Company's Licence.
[Mathew] Lynch ..	1749 ..	at Manilha ..	d°.
[John Standard] ..	31 Dec^{r}. 1716 Bombay.	Sarum ..	By Gov^{r}. Brones Permission.
[Nathaniel] Hammond.	1735 ..	Defence ..	Left behind sick.
[John] Stanton ..	7 Febry 1745/6 ..	Medway Man of War.	taken prisoner in the Expedition prize.
[Francis] Taylor ..	1747 Bengal ..	Tryal Sloop ..	Captain of the said vessell.
[John Spratt] ..	1748 ..	Winchelsea (Surgeon of the said ship).	Stranded at Fort S. David.
[Herbert] Sutherland ..	1749 ..	Tartar Man of War.	discharged and now in the Country service.
[George] Smith ..	15 May 1754 ..	S^{t}. George ..	without the Company's Licence.
[Robert] Jackson ..	....	....	Employed in the Country service now Captain of Snow Arcot.
[Thomas] Duffield ..	June 1748 ..	Edgecote ..	In the Royal Train under Major Goodiere now a Publican.
[Hendrik] Smith ..	7 February 1741 ..	Caesar ..	Discharged from the Military service.
[Ralph] Taylor ..	12 June 1750 ..	Hardwick ..	with the Company's Licence.
[Samuel] Troutback ..	14 Nov^{r}. 1719 ..	King George.	Castaway near Sadrass and has been in the Country Service.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER, 1755* ——

Men.	Time of arrival.	Ships they come out on.	Whether with or without the Company's Licence.
[Isaac M]erigeot	1738 ..	Liel ..	the Ship being Stranded Remain'd in the Country Service and is now an Attorney of the Mayor's Court.
[Christop]her Macklin	16 April 1746 ..	Princess Mary.	Taken a Prisoner by the [French] left in India and now employed as Master Bricklayer on the Company's Works.
[Quintin] De la Mettrie	Via Pondicherry 1754 ..	....	.. without the Company's Licence.

Married Women.

Jane Morse
Florentia Wynch
An Bourchier
Emelia Vansittart
Mary Munro
Mary Turing
Ann Demare
Catherine De lá Mettrie
Rachael Beaver
Leonara Jackson
Mary Duffield
Susanna Campbell
Ann Innis.

Unmarried Women.

Honaria Sommerville
Ann Sommerville
Sarah Stratton
Frances Berriman
Frances De la Mettrie.

Widows.

Hannah Greenaugh.
Mary Powney.
Phœbe Graham.
Antonia De Madeiros.
Grace Maunsell.
Ann Walton
Mary Northleig[h].

Children.

George Wynch
Henry Vansittart
Hugh John Munro
John Taylor.
John Thos. } Bea[rer]
Ann Jane }
Francis Denckr.
Lawrence Robt. [...]
Margaretta Au[rora] Munro
Catherine } [de la mettrie]
Jane }
Grace Mray Dem[are]
Francis } Denck[er]
Elizabeth }
Maria }
Isabella Campbell.

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31ST. DECEMBER.

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